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# Stefanowski gets GOP nod

Party nomination sets up fall rematch with Gov. Lamont

By Christopher Keating

Hartford Courant

MASHANTUCKET — In his second run in four years, Bob Stefanowski took a major step Friday night when he won the Republican Party's nomination to run this fall against Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont.

Nearly 1,200 energized delegates gave the candidate two

standing ovations as they believe they have momentum nationally this year because of President Joe Biden's sluggish poll ratings.

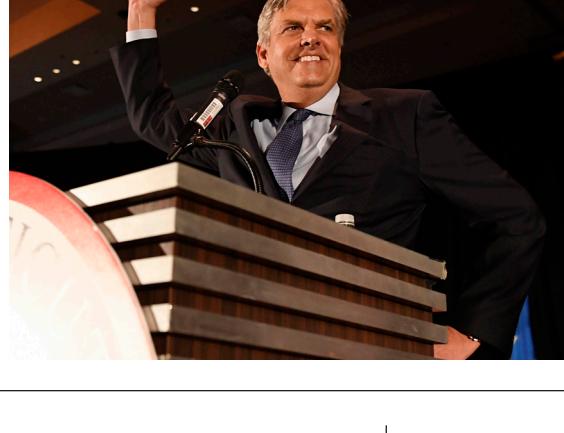
After pledging to spend \$10 million of his own money, Stefanowski has already stepped up his attacks against Lamont, who said this week that he prefers to avoid negative campaigning.

"We did it!" Stefanowski exclaimed to the crowd after

winning the nomination in a ballroom at Foxwoods Resort Casino.

Stefanowski beat back a weak challenge Friday night by Granby resident Susan Patricelli Regan, a relative political newcomer and conservative Republican who was unknown even to some party insiders. An accomplished polo player, fox hunter, and marketing exec-

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Republican candidate for governor Bob Stefanowski reacts after receiving his party's endorsement at the state Republican Convention on Friday night at Foxwoods Resort Casino. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

## CATCHING SOME SUNSHINE



Robert Rigney, of Farmington, casts his line while fly fishing in the Farmington River behind the Wood-n-Tap restaurant on Route 4 during Thursday's warm weather. Rigney, an avid fisherman, fishes here often because of an abundance of rainbow trout. "This is a very productive spot," he said.

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## Defense rests in Dabate trial

Jury set to deliberate in 'Fitbit murder' case beginning Monday

By Taylor Hartz

Hartford Courant

After five weeks of testimony — and six years after his alleged crimes — Richard Dabate's lawyers and state prosecutors rested their cases in the "Fitbit murder" trial.

The defense finished its case Friday morning after calling four witnesses, including Dabate.

Attorneys for both sides will make their closing arguments on Monday morning in Rockville Superior Court. Then, after hearing from more than 100 witnesses and listening to 22 days of evidence, the jury will start to deliberate.

Dabate's lead attorney, Trent LaLima, said outside the courthouse Friday afternoon that he looks forward to arguing his client's case on Monday.

Dabate, who is free on a \$1 million bond, is charged with killing his wife, Connie Dabate, in their Ellington home just before Christmas in 2015, staging a home invasion and lying to police.

Dabate took the stand in his defense on Thursday, adamantly defending his innocence and



Mourners attend the funeral of Ukrainian soldier Oleksandr Malevskyi on Friday in Lviv, Ukraine. Oleksandr was killed during fighting in the country's east. **FINBARR O'REILLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

### WAR IN UKRAINE

## Dozens more civilians rescued from steel plant

Biden OKs another \$150M in military help for Ukraine

By Elena Becatoros and Jon Gambrell

Associated Press

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — Dozens more civilians were rescued Friday from the tunnels under the besieged steel plant where Ukrainian fighters in Mariupol have been making their last stand to prevent Moscow's complete takeover of the strategically important port city.

Russian and Ukrainian officials said 50 people were evacuated from the Azovstal steel plant and handed over to representatives of the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Russian military said the group included 11 children.

Russian officials and Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said evacuation efforts would continue Saturday. The latest evacuees were in addition to roughly 500 other civilians who got out of the plant and city in recent days.

The fight for the last

Ukrainian stronghold in a city reduced to ruins by the Russian onslaught appeared increasingly desperate amid growing speculation that President Vladimir Putin wants to finish the battle for Mariupol so he can present a triumph to the Russian people in time for Monday's Victory Day, the biggest patriotic holiday on the Russian calendar.

As the holiday commemorating the Soviet Union's World War II victory over Nazi Germany approached, cities

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## History studies to be more inclusive

Asian American, Pacific Islander content to be required in Connecticut

By Seamus McAvoy

Hartford Courant

Connecticut will soon become one of the first states in the country to require Asian American and Pacific Islander studies in the public school curriculum, following a recent bill passed by the state legislature.

The bill, which comes during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, adds AAPI studies to the state curriculum and requires local and regional school boards to incorporate AAPI studies into social studies lessons by the 2025-26 school year. It also sets aside \$100,000 to fund a coordinator with the state Department of Education who will oversee research and alignment of curriculum.

"I'm over the moon," said West Hartford photographer Mike Keo, a parent advocate with Make Us Visible, a group of AAPI educators and activists. "To be in this place where children can hear and see different stories reflected on joy, on the different aspects of our experiences, makes me feel happy."

The bipartisan provision started out as its own bill and was later wrapped into Senate Bill 1, the Senate's massive child care support and school services expansion package. It passed the House on Tuesday and now awaits Gov. Ned Lamont's signature.

It comes in part as a response to a severe uptick in hate crimes and discriminatory acts against Asian Americans since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## LINK scooters going strong in Hartford

A year after LINK scooters debuted in Hartford, the operator says the program that allows people to rent electric scooters for rides around the city is going strong, with 250,000 trips taken. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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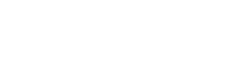
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Advocates say a requirement of this kind was overdue even before the surge in bias incidents.

For Keo, the bill is personal. For one, he's the father of two young children, the oldest of which will begin first grade next year.

"I'm excited that they get to see themselves reflected," he said, "and their friends get to learn about their histories, stories and experiences."

Keo is also a son of parents he may have understood better had this kind of curriculum been around when he was growing up.

Keo's parents came to the United States from Cambodia around the early 1980s as refugees, fleeing the Killing Fields of the Khmer Rouge regime that the Yale Cambodian Genocide Program estimates killed 1.7 million people.

"Here I am, born in America, after they escape war and violence and bloodshed. I didn't understand my parents growing up, their triggers, their history," Keo said. AAPI curriculum, he says, will help begin to heal the "generation divides."

Keo helped found Make Us Visible in January 2021 with other educators, including Jason Oliver Chang, associate professor in History and Asian American Studies at UConn and director of the Asian and Asian American Stud-



High school student Natalie DeLaCruz, left, of West Hartford, stands with her mother, Laura, at a rally against anti-Asian racism last year. The gathering at Hartford's Bushnell Park included about 10 speakers, including DeLaCruz. COURANT FILE PHOTO

ies Institute.

The organization has since sprouted to seven other states, with similar bills working their way through legislatures across the country. Illinois became the first state to require Asian American history, followed by New Jersey, where Make Us Visible has a chapter.

Chang, who also co-chairs the community awareness on the governor's hate crimes advisory council, described the curriculum

mandate as "visionary."

"We have plenty of Asian American and Pacific Islander history right here in Connecticut, and that work has to be done," Chang said.

With local school boards not required to implement AAPI studies until the fall of 2025, Chang said, his team and the state will have time to explore immigrant networks within the state to learn more about the stories that aren't being told.

Chang refers to the process as

"community-supported curriculum," which goes beyond the West Coast-centric narrative of the AAPI experience that might be less germane to states like Connecticut.

That means stories relevant to Connecticut's local AAPI communities, in addition to big-picture histories that include lessons on exclusionary immigration laws, Japanese American internment during World War II and other racist policies.

According to the mandate, school boards will be required to develop curriculum that at least highlights AAPI contributions to civil rights, as individuals and as communities to the development of the United States.

About 5% of Connecticut's population is of Asian descent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Many are first- or second-generation, as the majority of them came to Connecticut after 1965, Chang said.

Make Us Visible helped to pass model curriculum for AAPI studies last legislative session for K-8 students, which included about \$300,000 in funding to support curriculum writing teams.

This year's bill serves as an anchor for the model curriculum, Chang said, which codifies guidelines, frameworks and standards for local school boards to follow.

"We're looking to this as part of making education more equitable... but also a really important step to

reducing violence, with the surge in anti-Asian racism," Chang said.

Such anti-Asian violence is not new, notes Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, the first Asian American to be elected to the General Assembly and the state's first Asian American attorney general.

"The surge in anti-Asian violence and bigotry right now has its roots in a long history that has been unaddressed and ignored for too long," Tong said in a statement. "Law enforcement cannot address this crisis alone if that history remains invisible."

And for Tong, AAPI studies is not just the history of discrimination and violence. "There is also a long history of Asian American accomplishment here in Connecticut that we should be proud to teach," he said.

He noted Joseph Pierce, a Meriden resident who was the highest ranked Chinese American in the Union Army during the American Civil War, and Yung Wing, who graduated from Yale in 1854 to become the first Chinese student to graduate from an American university.

"This vote is a proud moment and important opportunity for Connecticut, and I thank the legislators and advocates who championed this legislation," Tong said.

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### Ukraine

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across Ukraine prepared for an expected increase in Russian attacks and officials urged residents to heed air raid warnings.

"These symbolic dates are to the Russian aggressor like red to a bull," said Ukraine's first deputy interior minister, Yevhen Yelin. "While the entire civilized world remembers the victims of terrible wars on these days, the Russian Federation wants parades and is preparing to dance over bones in Mariupol."

Also on Friday, President Joe Biden authorized the shipment of another \$150 million in military assistance to Ukraine.

Biden said the latest spending means his administration has "nearly exhausted" what Congress authorized for Ukraine

in March and called on lawmakers to approve a more than \$33 billion spending package that will last through September.

A U.S. official said the latest tranche of assistance includes artillery rounds, counter-artillery radars and jamming equipment.

There are roughly 2,000 Ukrainian fighters, by Russia's most recent estimate, holed up in the vast maze of tunnels and bunkers beneath the Azovstal steelworks, and they have repeatedly refused to surrender. Ukrainian officials said before Friday's evacuations that a few hundred civilians were also trapped there, and fears for their safety have increased.

Kateryna Prokopenko, whose husband, Denys Prokopenko, commands the Azov Regiment troops inside the plant, issued a plea to also spare the fighters. She said they would be willing to go to a third country to wait out the

war but would never surrender to Russia because that would mean "filtration camps, prison, torture and death."

If nothing is done to save her husband and his men, they will "stand to the end without surrender," she said Friday.

U.N. officials have been tight-lipped about the evacuation efforts, but it seemed likely that the latest evacuees would be taken to Zaporizhzhia, a Ukrainian-controlled city about 140 miles northwest of Mariupol.

Some of the plant's previous evacuees spoke to the AP about the horrors of being surrounded by death in the moldy underground bunker with little food and water, poor medical care and diminishing hope.

"People literally rot like our jackets did," said Serhii Kuzmenko, 31, who fled with his wife, 8-year-old daughter and four others from

their bunker, where 30 others were left behind. "They need our help badly."

Fighters defending the plant said Friday on Telegram that Russian troops had fired on an evacuation vehicle on the plant's grounds. They said the car was moving toward civilians when it was hit by shelling, and that one soldier was killed and six were wounded.

Moscow did not immediately acknowledge renewed fighting there Friday.

Russia took control of Mariupol, aside from the steel plant, after bombarding it for two months. Ahead of Victory Day, workers and volunteers cleaned up what remains of the city, which had a prewar population of over 400,000. Perhaps 100,000 civilians remain with little food, water, electricity or heat. Bulldozers scooped up debris and people

swept streets against a backdrop of hollowed-out buildings as workers repaired a model of a warship and Russian flags were hoisted.

Asked whether Russia would soon take full control of Mariupol, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said: "Mariupol will never fall. I'm not talking about heroism or anything."

"It is already devastated," he told a meeting at London's Chatham House think tank.

"We do not see the end of the war yet," he said, calling on Russia to allow safe passage out of the steel mill to the Ukrainian troops.

While they pounded away at the plant, Russian forces struggled to make significant gains elsewhere, 10 weeks into a devastating war that has killed thousands of people, forced millions to flee the country and flattened large swaths of cities.

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# If Roe v. Wade falls, are LGBTQ rights next?

**By Lauren McGaughy**  
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas — A leaked draft of the U.S. Supreme Court's forthcoming opinion on abortion says that the rights to gay marriage and same-sex partner intimacy may be safe — but only for now.

If the leaked draft proves to be the final version, or close to it, the opinion would not only uphold a Mississippi ban on abortions at 15 weeks but also overturn the 1973 landmark Texas case Roe v. Wade and trigger even stricter bans in other states.

Constitutional law experts believe the draft opinion also sheds light on the future of LGBTQ rights across the country.

In the document, Justice Samuel Alito makes clear that the decision would apply only to abortion and that it should not be read to have any effect on previous rulings upholding gay unions and striking down bans on gay sex.

This should provide some comfort to LGBTQ rights advocates, experts said. But they added that couched in

this assurance is a warning.

Overturning Roe would show no precedent is sacred. And the draft document circulating, while narrowly tailored to the abortion issue, also gives activists a playbook for how to target other rights rooted in the same principles, such as privacy, autonomy and family choice.

For those living in states like Texas — whose lawmakers never axed constitutionally unenforceable laws banning sodomy or defining marriage as strictly a heterosexual affair — Alito's deference to the will of local legislatures sets the state Capitol and not the courtroom as the final battleground for the question of LGBTQ rights.

With their holy grail attained — striking down the right to abortion — will conservatives go after gay marriage next?

"Those rights are secure for now," Dale Carpenter, constitutional law chair at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, said. "But be on guard."

What does the draft say about LGBTQ rights?

The draft opinion

addresses LGBTQ rights in two different places, Carpenter said.

In a section discussing precedent, Alito said that abortion is distinguished from other divisive cultural issues because it involves "potential life."

"None of the other decisions cited by Roe and (Planned Parenthood v.) Casey involved the critical moral question posed by abortion. They are therefore inappropriate," Alito wrote.

The draft repeats this distinction later and goes a step further to explicitly allay the fears of those who would read this opinion as a rejection of same-sex marriage and other LGBTQ rights.

"To ensure that our decision is not misunderstood or mischaracterized, we emphasize that our decision concerns the constitutional right to abortion and no other right. Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion," Alito wrote.

Carpenter said this means LGBTQ cases already decided by the court won't be "immediately and

directly" imperiled.

"He's offering reassurance about the security of other rights — for the time being," Carpenter said. But he added that the entire opinion, at least in the draft as written, is "hostile" toward rights that are not specifically named in the U.S. Constitution — including marriage, sexual intimacy and contraception.

Anthony Michael Kreis, a constitutional law professor at Georgia State University, described the array of American rights as a tapestry.

"Once you pull one string, the others become much more loose. The binding is really threatened," Kreis said. "All of our rights, all of our civil liberties, they rise and fall together. They're intertwined."

While the fabric of LGBTQ rights would not unravel immediately, Kreis said it would be much easier for anti-gay advocates to fray it around the edges as Roe falls. If the right to privacy is lost in the abortion setting, for example, states could argue they have an interest in imposing their will on other private medical decisions, like treatments for

transgender patients, especially children and adolescents.

"We're in for a very ugly few months, few years," Kreis said.

President Joe Biden issued a similar warning Wednesday.

"This is about a lot more than abortion," Biden said. "What are the next things that are going to be attacked?"

Cases such as Lawrence v. Texas, which struck down sodomy laws criminalizing same-sex intimacy, and Obergefell v. Hodges, which legalized gay marriage, are based at least in part on that same right to privacy.

Obergefell is different from Roe in that hundreds of thousands of same-sex couples have relied on it to wed and created legal bonds, like shared property, inheritance rights and "settled expectations about the future," said Teresa Collett, a professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minnesota and director of its Prolife Center.

Courts are usually loath to undo that kind of precedent. It stands in contrast to abortion, which is usually

"a response to unplanned circumstances," Collett said.

Obergefell, moreover, relies on the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause as well as the right to privacy.

Still, the language and tone Alito uses overall could encourage more challenges, said Jason Pierceson, professor of political science at the University of Illinois Springfield. "If the right to privacy is deconstructed or is hollowed out, or is minimized, then those cases in particular have less standing," Pierceson said.

A challenge to same-sex marriage could come before the high court on religious liberty grounds, for example, such as someone arguing their religious faith prevents them from recognizing same-sex marriage. Cases along those lines have been mostly about exceptions to anti-discrimination laws so far, Pierceson said, "but one could see potentially a broadening of the argument to the fact that maybe same-sex marriage laws are unconstitutional in the first place."

*The Associated Press contributed.*

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utive, Regan, 78, is a strong supporter of the First and Second amendments who raised less than \$10,000 against Stefanowski's large war chest.

During a long roll call of 169 towns, Regan had less than 4% of the vote throughout the tally and ended with only 36 delegates or 3.09%.

In his acceptance speech, Stefanowski blasted Democrats for controlling the state legislature for most of the past 40 years.

"Connecticut is the definition of a failed state," Stefanowski told the crowd. "Connecticut has the second highest taxes in the entire country. ... This is not the Connecticut I grew up with, and it's not the Connecticut many of you grew up with."

During his 15-minute speech, Stefanowski outlined his vision for the state, citing "personal freedom, individual liberty, smaller government that allows residents to live their lives as they see fit."

He added, "A vision to make Connecticut safer — to put our complete, absolute, and utter support to the men and women of law enforcement who are putting their lives on the line. ... A vision to lower taxes, not the one-time, temporary tax relief and the election-year charades we see from the Democrats, but the permanent, fundamental, tough choices to make Connecticut more affordable for us, for our kids and more affordable for our grandkids."

Quoting President Ronald Reagan as "one of the best presidents of all time," Stefanowski said, "Government is not the solution to our problems. Government is the problem."

He added, "Connecticut has been the poster child for bad government from the Democratic side for 40 years now. State government has finally pushed us too far."

But Lamont's spokesman



Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski, right, listens as delegate votes are cast with his wife Amy at the State Republican Convention on Friday night at Foxwoods Resort Casino.

**JESSICA HILL/AP**

said Stefanowski offered an incomplete analysis of the state.

"It's not surprising to see Bob make up fake facts about our state's economy," said Jake Lewis, the campaign spokesman. "But voters know the truth, and they see it in their pocketbooks. Governor Lamont's leadership turned our state's finances around, created a \$4.8 billion surplus, and made our state stronger than ever. Bob is too extreme for Connecticut. He opposes paid leave and a minimum wage and opposed the Governor's \$600 million tax cut as 'pandering.'"

A major difference for Republicans this year is they will avoid a gubernatorial primary for the first time since 2006 when M. Jodi Rell was governor. With multiple candidates in the primaries in 2010, 2014, and 2018, Republicans spent time, energy and money fighting each other before losing to Democrats Dannel Malloy and Lamont in the November elections.

Stefanowski, who turns 60 later this month, is already running a different campaign than he did four years ago.

Instead of focusing on eliminating the state income tax as critics called him a single-issue candidate, Stefanowski is now talking about a wide range of issues from high gasoline prices to an increase in juvenile crime to spending federal stimulus money with more transparency.

As a first-time candidate, Stefanowski came out of nowhere in 2018 and almost defeated a heavily funded Democrat for governor — losing by about 44,000 votes. Stefanowski came within three percentage points of beating Lamont, who has spent more than \$40 million of his own money in three statewide races.

"Bob has become a much better candidate over the last four years," said Ben Proto, the state party chairman with campaign experience that dates back decades.

Stefanowski will be running with state Rep. Laura Devlin, 62, of Fairfield, who is perhaps best known for traveling around the state to strongly oppose the controversial plan for electronic highway tolls by Lamont that was rejected by the legislature. She held numerous town hall

meetings and forums with state Sen. Henri Martin of Bristol as they are both ranking members of the legislature's transportation committee.

Brookfield first select-woman Tara Carr, a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army who served in Afghanistan and initially had no plan to run for office, nominated Stefanowski. After talking mostly about her career, she was tapped on the shoulder by a convention official and asked to wrap up her remarks as she was running against the time limit.

Stefanowski's wife for more than 30 years, Amy, seconded the nomination, saying, "It's not about any one person or any one policy. It's about leadership."

Noting they met at Sikorsky in 1987, she said, "He's not afraid of a challenge, and he's always the first one to hold himself accountable. He's not a politician."

Republicans gave strong applause to a special guest who was a featured speaker before the nominations.

"Our problem with this country is fifth, sixth, and seventh generation white liberals who don't have a

passport," said Ambassador Richard Grenell, former acting director of national intelligence under President Trump.

"Stop being afraid of being called a racist, sexist or homophobe. ... If you're not their parent, don't talk to them about sex, you creep. ... You are living in the greatest country in the history of the world."

During his opening remarks, Proto ripped into Democrats — saying Republicans are prepared to fight this year in every race from governor to probate judge.

"Forty years of Democratic rule have taken us to the bottom of every category," Proto said. "We have a generational opportunity. ... You and I, together, can do it. ... Folks, it starts right here, right now. ... Yes, we may have some primaries, and that's OK."

Referring to past tax increases and the latest votes by the legislature, Proto added, "Don't be fooled when they say they've cut your taxes this week."

Besides Stefanowski and Devlin, Republicans nominated other candidates Friday night. Those included attorney general candidate Jessica Kordas, 39, of Norwalk, who grew up in the working class and later became a criminal defense trial attorney handling domestic violence, drug crimes, and juvenile offenses, among others.

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora nominated fellow state Rep. Harry Arora, a Greenwich investment trader, as the party's candidate for treasurer — a key position overseeing the state's \$45.5 billion pension fund.

"He was an immigrant, born in India, who moved to America," Candelora told the crowd. "He went on to a degree at Harvard."

Known for his sometimes-lengthy remarks on the House floor, Arora noted that Republicans have not held the treasurer's office for 25 years.

"They have run this office

on faulty math," Arora said.

In a video message that was shown on a large screen, Republican national chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said, "Republicans have an incredible opportunity to make real progress in Connecticut. Let's send Joe Biden and Democrats a message. ... Let's take back Connecticut."

On Saturday, former House Republican leader Themis Klarides of Madison will be facing off against Greenwich fundraiser Leora Levy for the U.S. Senate nomination. Levy was nominated by President Donald Trump to be ambassador to Chile. Levy was never confirmed before Trump's tenure expired. Supporters of Klarides are confident that she will win the nomination, partly because of the goodwill from hundreds of Republicans that she met during 22 years in the legislature, including six years as Republican leader.

Klarides' supporters question whether Levy will receive the necessary 15% of the delegates to force a primary, but Levy has been touting endorsements from major figures like Linda McMahon, who spent \$100 million on two losing races for U.S. Senate.

Levy's spokesman, however, said she will be running in the primary in early August. They expect to receive 15% of the delegates Saturday, but they would otherwise need to collect about 8,500 signatures by June 7 to qualify for the ballot.

"I hope no one has a primary," said Jeff Santopietro, a Klarides supporter and longtime Waterbury Republican who served as state coordinator for Trump's 2020 campaign. "It's not a good thing for us to have primaries, but it is the American way. It's better to come out of here united and win."

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sticking to his story that a masked intruder broke in and shot his wife, even when State's Attorney Matthew C. Gedansky grilled him about discrepancies in his timelines and statements over the years.

He told the jury on Thursday that he came home the morning of Dec. 23, 2015, after realizing he'd forgotten his laptop on the way to work and found a large man in all camouflage inside the house. That man, he said, shot his wife to death in their basement, stole his wallet, stabbed him with a box cutter and tied him to a folding chair.

Investigators found that data from Connie Dabate's Fitbit showed her moving around after the time her husband says she was killed,



The defense team for Richard Dabate, left, rested its case Friday. Lead defense attorney Trent LaLima, center, said he looks forward to closing arguments Monday in the "Fitbit murder" trial in Rockville Superior Court.

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murder." A physiologist with a years-long research history into wearable fitness track-

device's accuracy.

Police also learned that Dabate was having an affair at the time of his wife's death with a woman named Sara Ganzer, who a few months later gave birth to his daughter. Gedansky questioned Dabate at length about the affair on Thursday, leading Dabate to admit that he lied about the nature of his affair and his marriage to police, his lover, his wife and friends.

On Friday, the jury heard from Dabate's aunt, who described her nephew as "a bloody mess" when he came to her house to change out of his hospital gown the night of the murder. She said her nephew seemed upset about his wife's murder, was wounded from the cuts he said came from the intruder and, at times, was crying.

The defense also questioned a woman who, on the day of the crimes, was cleaning a nearby house to

help her parents with their cleaning business. She told police that she may have seen a deer or human-sized dark green figure pass by the window. Dabate has said from Day 1 that a man in a camouflage hunting-style outfit killed his wife and ran from the home.

At least two dozen people who lived on Birch View Drive at the time of the murder were called to the stand by the state throughout the weeks-long trial and asked if they saw a large man in camouflage — or anything unusual — in their neighborhood that day. They all said no.

Attorneys for both sides will each have one hour to argue their case Monday beginning at 10 a.m. before Judge Corinne L. Klatt in Rockville Superior Court. The jurors will then be given their instructions and sent to deliberate.

# WORLD & NATION

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## US nears 1M deaths from COVID-19

Data show more than 700K people 65 and older died

By Carla K. Johnson  
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Associated Press

The count of U.S. deaths from COVID-19 is nearing 1 million, and there's a wealth of data making clear which groups have been hit the hardest.

More than 700,000 people 65 and older died. Men died at higher rates than women. White people made up most of the deaths overall.

Yet an unequal burden fell on Black, Hispanic and Native American people considering the younger average age of minority communities. Racial gaps narrowed between surges then widened again with each new wave.

Doug Lambrecht was among the first of the nearly 1 million Americans to die from COVID-19. His demographic profile — an older white male with chronic health problems — mirrors the faces of many who would be lost.

The 71-year-old retired physician was recovering from a fall at a nursing home near Seattle when the new coronavirus swept through in early 2020. He died March 1, an early victim in a devastating outbreak that gave a first glimpse of the price older Americans would pay.

With 1 million deaths in sight, Doug's son Nathan Lambrecht reflected on the toll.

"I'm afraid that as the numbers get bigger, people are going to care less and less," he said. "I just hope



Nathan Lambrecht sits near a picture of his father, Doug Lambrecht, among the first COVID-19 victims. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

people who didn't know them and didn't have the same sort of loss in their lives due to COVID, I just hope that they don't forget and they remember to care."

The pandemic has generated gigabytes of data that make clear which U.S. groups have been hit the hardest.

### Elders hit hard

Three out of every four deaths were people 65 and older, according to U.S. data analyzed by The Associated Press.

About 255,000 people 85 and older died; 257,000 were 75 to 84 years old; and about 229,000 were 65 to 74.

"A million things went

wrong and most of them were preventable," said elder care expert Charlene Harrington of the University of California, San Francisco. Harrington, 80, hopes the lessons of the pandemic lead U.S. health officials to adopt minimum staffing requirements for nursing homes, "then maybe I can retire."

### Spouses left behind

In nearly every 10-year age group, more men have died from COVID-19 than women.

Men have shorter life expectancies than women, so it's not surprising that the only age group where deaths in women outpaced those in men is the oldest: 85

and older.

For some families who lost breadwinners, economic hardships have added to their grief, said Rima Samman, who coordinates a COVID-19 memorial project that began as a tribute to her brother, Rami, who died in May 2020 at age 40.

"A widow is losing her home, or she's losing the car she drove the kids to school with, because her husband died," Samman said. "Little by little, you're getting pulled down from middle class to lower class."

### Race, ethnicity and age

White people made up 65% of the total deaths, the

largest proportion of any race by far.

This isn't that surprising because there are more white people in the U.S. than any other race. American Indians, Pacific Islanders and Black people had higher death rates when looking at COVID-19 deaths per capita.

Death rates per capita still leave out a characteristic that is crucial to understanding which groups were disproportionately affected — COVID-19 is more deadly for the elderly.

In the U.S. there are many more elderly white people than elderly people of other races. To evaluate which race has been disproportionately affected, it's neces-

sary to adjust the per-capita death rate, calculating the rates as if each race had the same age breakdown.

When considering age, it's apparent that Black, Hispanic, Pacific Islander and Native American people suffered disproportionately more from COVID-19 deaths than other groups in the U.S.

Looking at deaths per capita, Mississippi had the highest rate of any state.

Native Americans experienced higher death rates than all other groups during two waves of the pandemic.

### Rural versus urban

The surge that began in late 2020 was particularly rough for rural America.

Americans living in rural areas have been less likely to get vaccinated than city dwellers, more likely to be infected and more likely to die.

"I've had multiple people in my ambulance, in their 80s and dying," said paramedic Mark Kennedy in Nauvoo, Illinois. "Some did die, and when you ask if they've been vaccinated, they say, 'I don't trust it.'"

The recent omicron wave felt even harder to David Schreiner, CEO of Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon, Illinois.

"In the first wave, there were signs throughout the community about our health care heroes. ... People loved us the first time around," Schreiner said. But by this past winter, people had COVID-19 fatigue.

"Our people have been through so much. And then we would get a patient or a family member who would come to the hospital and refuse to put a mask on," Schreiner said. "It's a little bit hard to take."

## Mounting cases of virus add strain on health care

Hot spots causing renewed hospital staffing challenges

By Adeel Hassan  
and Sharon Otterman  
The New York Times

When the coronavirus was in retreat across the United States in late February, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations that veered away from depending on the number of new cases in a community to determine the need for pandemic safety measures.

The focus shifted more toward the number of hospitalized with the virus. Far more new cases than before would be required to push a community into the medium or high-risk categories.

The change turned most of the U.S. map green at a stroke. Until then, 95% of U.S. counties were considered high-risk, but afterward, fewer than one-third of Americans were living in places in that category, the agency said.

The new guidelines gave millions of people confidence to remove their face masks, and recommended that as long as the pressure on hospitals remained manageable, the country

could return to some version of normal life.

That strategy will be put to the test in the next few weeks because hospitalizations are rising again.

As of Thursday, an average of more than 18,000 people with the coronavirus are in U.S. hospitals, an increase of 20% from two weeks ago. The figure includes patients in the hospital because they are very ill with COVID-19, as well as those admitted for other reasons who test positive on arrival. More than half of U.S. adults have at least one underlying chronic condition, and for many, the winter omicron wave was not as mild.

The recent influx has been steeper in the largest high-risk area now on the national map, the hot spot that has spread across upstate New York and spilled into nearby states. According to New York state, there were 2,119 patients hospitalized in the state with COVID-19 on Tuesday, 47% more than two weeks before.

The state's figure is still well below the winter omicron peak of January, when about 13,000 people were hospitalized statewide.

But it has been increasing, propelled by rapidly spreading BA.2 subvariants, which were detected in Central

New York and have become a growing share of new U.S. cases.

In the University of Rochester Medical Center system, which includes six hospitals in the Finger Lakes region and in western New York, coronavirus hospitalizations have quadrupled in recent weeks, rising to about 200 patients from a low of about 50 in early April, according to Chip Partner, a spokesperson for the hospital system.

Most of those patients were in the hospital for other reasons, like surgery, but tested positive when they were admitted, Partner said, adding that few COVID-19 patients have needed intensive care recently.

At the same time, staffing shortages at hospitals in the region have been compounded by a recent increase in infections among their staffs. At F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, New York, 45 of the hospital's 1,750 workers were out with the virus recently, and there are 252 unfilled job openings.

"COVID is here, COVID is an issue, but the main challenge up here is the staffing," said Michael Stapleton, the hospital's CEO.

Other hot spots are also putting pressure on health



A patient arrives at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York City. The omicron peak filled hospitals with patients. DAVE SANDERS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

care systems. In Puerto Rico, 245 people were in hospitals this week with the virus, more than five times the caseload from a month ago.

Although hospitalizations lag behind the trends in new cases, they remain among the most reliable kinds of data about the pandemic, experts agree — much more so than official reports of positive test results, which experts say significantly underestimate the true number of infections, especially with the rise of at-home testing.

As of Thursday, the average number of new

confirmed U.S. cases was almost 68,000 a day, nearly a 60% increase over the last two weeks, according to a New York Times database.

Hospitalizations are reported fairly rigorously.

"For hospital data, even given that all the people were not admitted because of COVID, we can be sure that the numbers are pretty accurate," said Dr. Eric Toner, a senior scholar at the Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "The number of new COVID admissions is the

number that I pay the most attention to."

About 11% of people hospitalized with coronavirus infections were in intensive care as of Wednesday, according to federal data.

The CDC is also keeping a close eye on the nature of hospitalizations.

"We're seeing less oxygen use, less ICU stays, and we haven't seen any increase in death associated with them" compared with earlier periods of the pandemic, the CDC's director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, said last week.



Havana's Hotel Saratoga stands in ruins Friday after a blast attributed to a gas leak. ADALBERTO ROQUE/GETTY-AFP

## Havana hotel explosion kills 18, injures dozens

By Andrea Rodriguez  
Associated Press

HAVANA — A powerful explosion apparently caused by a natural gas leak killed at least 18 people, including a pregnant woman and a child, and injured dozens Friday when it blew away outer walls from a luxury hotel in the heart of Cuba's capital.

No tourists were staying at the 96-room Hotel Saratoga because it was undergoing renovations, Havana

Gov. Reinaldo Garcia Zapata told the Communist Party newspaper Granma.

"It has not been a bomb or an attack. It is a tragic accident," President Miguel Diaz-Canel said in a tweet.

Diaz-Canel told reporters that 50 adults and 14 children were hospitalized after the blast, and that families in buildings near the hotel affected by the explosion had been transferred to safer locations.

Cuban state TV reported that the blast was caused by

a truck that had been supplying natural gas to the hotel, but did not provide details on how the gas ignited.

Cuba's national health minister, Jose Angel Portal, told The Associated Press the number of injured could rise as the search continues for people who may be trapped in the rubble of the 19th century structure in the Old Havana neighborhood of the city.

"We are still looking for a large group of people who may be under the rubble,"

Lt. Col. Noel Silva of the Fire Department said.

An elementary school next to the hotel was evacuated. It was not immediately clear if the injured children were students.

Police cordoned off the area as firefighters and rescue workers toiled inside the wreckage about 110 yards from Cuba's Capitol building.

The Hotel Saratoga has been used frequently by visiting VIPs and political figures.

## WORLD & NATION

### WAR IN UKRAINE

# High costs of cutting Russian energy

Consumers, business owners in Europe caught in the middle

By Colleen Barry,  
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Associated Press

MILAN — Across Europe, rising energy prices are testing the resolve of ordinary consumers and business owners who are caught between the continent's dependence on cheap Russian energy and its revulsion over President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Governments are trying to replace energy supplies from Russia, mindful that their regular payments are funding a war that has seen thousands of civilian deaths and widespread destruction. They also face a nerve-wracking showdown with Moscow over its demands for payments in rubles, and the possibility that Russia will block supplies, as it recently did to Bulgaria and Poland.

European Union countries import 40% of gas and 25% of oil from Russia, and the current EU timetable doesn't foresee energy independence from Moscow for another five years. As atrocities unfold, the EU is looking to sharpen sanctions.

The EU's executive commission this week proposed phasing out imports of crude oil within six months and refined products by the end of 2022. It must be approved by all 27 member countries, which will be a battle because some are more dependent on Russian oil than others. Still, oil is easier to replace than natural gas, which is used to generate electricity and power industries.

In a poll of 1,230 random voters published last month by German public broadcaster ZDF, 28% said the country should halt natural gas and oil imports immedi-



A train passes by the Republika Power Plant last month in the town of Pernik, Bulgaria. VALENTINA PETROVA/AP

ately, even if it means supply problems, while 54% said it should only happen if the supply is largely secured, and 14% opposed a ban.

It shows how the economic blow is increasingly falling on consumers and businesses that already saw natural gas prices start to soar last summer. Some of their stories:

**In Italy:** Struggling residents of one of Italy's lowest-income neighborhoods on Milan's periphery line up twice a week to ask for help making ends meet. Increasingly, they come clutching utility bills. Since energy prices began spiking, a three-woman panel that adjudicates the requests at Santa Lucia parish in Quarto Oggiaro have another resource to help the needy: an energy packet funded by the A2A energy company that offers up to \$315 a year to families

who can't pay their higher utility bills. About 100 families have qualified since September.

Alessandra Travaglini, 54, hit the maximum even before the war as her utility bill doubled to over \$125. She has been out of work as an in-home caregiver for two months and hopes the parish can give her even more help.

There's not much room for cutting energy use.

"I don't cook a lot. I run the washing machine only in the evening or on weekends. I take short showers, I use the oven maybe once a month, and I iron once, maybe twice, a week," Travaglini said. "I am scared."

**In Hungary:** Kritzian Kobela-Piko, a gas fitter and plumber in Budapest, sees his profession intimately connected with his country's relationship to Russian

energy. And being just a couple of hundred miles from Ukraine, the war is hardly a distant reality.

The 41-year-old independent contractor installs gas boilers, using materials that have become exponentially more expensive. He said he sympathizes with the war's victims and would be willing to make personal sacrifices if it meant Ukrainians could better defend themselves.

"At most, I will have to tighten my belt a little," Kobela-Piko said. "But these sacrifices are nothing compared to the situation of people living in Ukraine. I think that this sacrifice is the minimum, something I would do any time out of solidarity."

Hungary, a former member of the Soviet bloc, gets 85% of its gas and more than 60% of its oil from Russia.

Putting pressure on a country that Hungary

depends on for its energy resources "is a very unpleasant situation," he said.

**In Germany:** Carletta Heinz is calculating the impact of a gas cutoff for the 400-year-old glass company she took over from her father as the 13th generation.

The Heinz-Glas Group, which makes bottles for international cosmetic and perfume brands, would have to close a gas-fired facility in the town of Piesau. That would ruin tanks that need to stay above 1,650 degrees Fahrenheit to keep molten glass from solidifying.

The company has transitioned to electricity at headquarters in nearby Kleintettau to lower carbon emissions, but it still needs gas for some processes there.

If a gas boycott leads to government-imposed rationing, Heinz said, then Germany must ensure that glassmakers get at least

70% of their current energy to keep tanks hot and avoid widespread equipment losses.

Beyond her company, she is worried about the impact on glass-making companies near the border between the Thuringia and Bavaria regions, which employ 5,000 people directly and 8,000 others indirectly.

Job losses could mean higher carbon emissions if production shifts to countries with fewer environmental protections, said Heinz, 38.

"In Germany, we're more developed regarding environmental protection. Glass will still be needed and would be produced in other countries, which for our planet would be definitely worse," she said.

**In Bulgaria:** Nikolay Belev's income as a construction worker in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia is not keeping pace with gas and oil prices. And he is not ready to take on more pain for Russian sanctions, which he thinks are improper and will only bring more inequity in the EU's poorest member state.

"These sanctions are meant to weaken Russia's economy, but in the end, they hit back on my country and particularly on the people with lower incomes," Belev said.

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The Jewish settlement of Efrat stands in the West Bank. Israel is set to advance plans for the construction of 4,000 new settler homes in the occupied West Bank. MAYA ALLERUZZO/AP

## Israel pushes for 4,000 new settler homes in West Bank

By Areej Hazboun  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel is set to advance plans for the construction of 4,000 settler homes in the occupied West Bank, the interior minister said Friday, drawing warnings of "serious consequences" from the Palestinian Authority.

If approved, it would be the biggest advancement of settlement plans since the Biden administration took office. The White House is opposed to settlement growth because it further erodes the possibility of an eventual two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked, a staunch supporter of settlements, tweeted that a planning committee would convene next week to approve 4,000 homes, calling construction in the West Bank a "basic, required and obvious thing."

consequences might be, and the Palestinian Authority has no way of halting settlement building or any other Israeli measures.

Israel's Haaretz newspaper reported that the Civil Administration, a military body, would meet Thursday to advance 1,452 units, and that another 2,536 units would be approved by Defense Minister Benny Gantz.

The Defense Ministry referred questions to COGAT, the military body in charge of civilian affairs in the occupied West Bank. COGAT did not immediately respond to requests for comment. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and has built more than 130 settlements across the territory that are home to nearly 500,000 settlers. Nearly 3 million Palestinians live in the West Bank under Israeli military rule.

been living for decades. The military declared the area a firing zone in the early 1980s.

The Palestinians want the West Bank to form the main part of their future state. They view the expansion of settlements as a major obstacle to any future peace deal because they reduce and divide up the land on which such a state would be established.

Most of the international community views the settlements as illegal.

"All of these Israeli measures of demolition, eviction and settlement fall within the framework of the apartheid regime that the occupation applies to the Palestinians and their lands amid international silence," said Abu Rdeneh, Abbas' spokesman.

Israel's current government is split between parties that oppose and support settlements. As a compromise, it has ruled out any major peace initiative or any move to formally annex parts of the West Bank.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, a former leader of the main settler council, is opposed to Palestinian statehood.

## US seeks to downplay role in sinking of Russian warship

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WASHINGTON — The Biden administration sought Friday to downplay the role of American intelligence in the high-profile sinking of the Russian missile cruiser Moskva, distancing itself from any direct role in one of the greatest embarrassments for Russia since it attacked Ukraine.

A day after an American official confirmed that the U.S. provided Ukraine with information on the location of the ship, the White House and Pentagon described a limited role and said the Ukrainians make their own decisions.

The effort reflected the fine line President Joe Biden walks as he touts support for Ukraine, while fighting off criticism he isn't doing enough and simultaneously trying to avoid dragging the U.S. into a direct conflict with Russia.

"We had no prior knowledge of Ukraine's intent to target the ship," White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said. "The Ukrainians have their own intelligence capabilities to track and target Russian naval vessels, as they did in this case."

Asked about reports about the U.S. providing intelligence on the Moskva, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said Ukraine receives "relevant and timely" U.S. intelligence, but also gets input from other nations and makes its own decisions about how to use it.

"And if they do decide to do something with that intelligence, then they make the decisions about acting on it," Kirby said.

Amid strong bipartisan support for Ukraine, the administration has provided "a range of intelligence" that includes locations of those ships, said the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of



The missile cruiser Moskva, flagship of the Russian navy's Black Sea Fleet, sank last month after a Ukrainian missile strike. RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY PRESS SERVICE 2015

troops in the use of howitzers, drones and other hardware in a war now focused on the eastern Donbas region of the country.

But American officials insist this is a fight launched by President Vladimir Putin against Ukraine, not a proxy war with the U.S. and the intelligence assistance stays within these limits.

The Pentagon spokesman said the U.S. did not provide Ukraine with specific targeting information on the Moskva and had no advanced knowledge of last month's targeting of the ship, the flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

"We provide them what we believe to be relevant and timely information about Russian units that will allow them to adjust and execute their self-defense to the best of their ability," Kirby said. "The kind of intelligence that we provide them, it's legitimate, it's lawful and it's limited."

An American official said Thursday that Ukraine alone decided to target and sink the Moskva using its own anti-ship missiles.

But given Russia's attacks on the Ukrainian coastline from the sea, the U.S. has provided "a range of intelligence" that includes locations of those ships, said the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of

anonymity.

The Biden administration has ramped up intelligence sharing with Ukraine alongside the shipment of arms and missiles to help it repel Russia's invasion. The disclosure of U.S. support in the Moskva strike comes as the White House is under pressure from Republicans to do more to support Ukraine's resistance and as polls suggest some Americans question whether President Joe Biden is being tough enough on Russia.

Since Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion in February, the White House has tried to balance supporting Ukraine, a democratic ally, against not doing anything that would seem to provoke a direct war between Putin and the U.S. and NATO allies. As the war has gone on, the White House has ramped up its military and intelligence support, removing some time and geographic limits on what it will tell Ukraine about potential Russian targets.

Speaking earlier Thursday after a New York Times report about the U.S. role in supporting Ukraine's killing of Russian generals, Kirby said American agencies "do not provide intelligence on the location of senior military leaders on the battlefield or participate in the targeting decisions of the Ukrainian military."

# 'Gaping hole' at the Supreme Court

Once conservative allies, Roberts and Alito drifting apart

By Adam Liptak  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — There was a time when Justice Samuel Alito, author of the leaked draft opinion on abortion that rocked the nation Monday night, was Chief Justice John Roberts' closest ally on the Supreme Court.

They are both products of the conservative legal movement, and they were named to the court by President George W. Bush within months of each other. Their voting records were initially indistinguishable. Indeed, when the chief justice had a particularly difficult case, he would often assign the majority opinion to Alito.

But the dynamics and alliances at the court have shifted, especially after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her replacement by Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

Once partners, Roberts and Alito are now emblems of a stark divide at the court as it confronts a crucial choice: whether to eliminate the constitutional right to abortion entirely in a case challenging a Mississippi law that bans the procedure after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

"Justice Alito now appears to have concluded he no longer needs the chief to receive coveted opinion assignments," said Richard Lazarus, a law professor at Harvard. "And, buoyed by a five-justice conservative majority to the right of the chief, Justice Alito has apparently concluded, as underscored by his first draft opinion in the Mississippi abortion case, that he can now swing for the fences using the broadest language possible."

The two men have been moving in different directions for years, said Lee



Activists hold cutouts of Justices John Roberts, Amy Coney Barrett, Clarence Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh and Samuel Alito. CAITLIN OCHS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Epstein, a law professor and political scientist at Washington University in St. Louis.

"They initially marched in ideological lockstep, seemingly trusted allies," she said. "But over time, Roberts drifted to the left and Alito drifted way to the right, leaving a gaping hole between them."

That grew into a chasm in the case challenging Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a constitutional right to abortion. Roberts, an institutionalist committed to an incremental approach, has signaled that he wants to limit Roe's reach without destroying it in a single blow. Alito, based on his draft opinion, wants to reduce Roe to rubble.

What accounts for the schism? It's partly temperament. Roberts is witty, canny

and controlled. Alito can be awkward and aggrieved, although he is capable of humor.

The two men also differ in their sense of urgency. Roberts is 67, which is young by Supreme Court standards. He is committed to playing the long game.

Alito, 72, is not much older, but after the arrival of Barrett in 2020, he is now part of an impatient group of five conservative justices to the chief justice's right.

But the most important difference between Roberts and Alito is in their titles and what they imply.

Roberts was initially nominated to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who announced in July 2005 that she planned to retire. Two months later, as the confirmation hearings were approaching, Chief Justice

William Rehnquist died.

Bush then nominated Roberts to his current position. If not for that switch, Roberts would have been one of eight associate justices and, in all probability, a reliable conservative member of the court.

As the head of the judicial branch, though, Roberts views himself as having broader responsibilities.

The chief justice's confirmation hearings were a triumph. Alito, by contrast, felt bruised by some of the questions at his own confirmation hearings. His wife, Martha-Ann, left the hearing room in tears when Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., defended Alito from the charge that his membership in an alumni group was evidence of bigotry.

Nor was Alito pleased

when President Barack

Obama criticized the court's Citizens United campaign finance decision at the State of the Union address in 2010, with six justices present.

Alito responded by mouthing the words "not true." He has not attended another State of the Union address. Roberts makes a point of going.

Conservatives grew wary of Roberts when he cast the decisive vote in 2012 to uphold a central provision of the Affordable Care Act. Alito joined a caustic dissent.

But aside from that decision and a 2015 sequel, the conservative case against the chief justice was for many years weak.

That changed in the Trump era, when Roberts voted with what was then the court's four-member liberal wing in cases

concerning abortion, young immigrants known as "Dreamers" and adding a question on citizenship to the census. Alito was on the other side in those cases.

The chief justice was also in the majority in 5-4 decisions early in the pandemic upholding restrictions on gatherings at houses of worship. Alito, in a 2020 speech to the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group, was harshly critical of those decisions.

In one, concerning restrictions in Nevada, he said the court had allowed the state to treat houses of worship less favorably than it did casinos.

After the arrival of Barrett changed the direction of the court, the justices started striking down such restrictions by 5-4 votes, with Alito now in the majority.

## NEWS BRIEFING

### Andrew, Harry and Meghan won't appear on Jubilee balcony

From news services

security arrangements when they travel to the U.K.

The queen's decision means that she will be accompanied on the balcony by three of her four children and their spouses: Prince Charles and Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall; Princess Anne and retired Vice Admiral Timothy Laurence; and Prince Edward and Sophie, the Countess of Wessex.

**British elections:** Britain's governing Conservatives suffered local election losses in their few London strongholds, according to results announced Friday that will pile more pressure on Prime Minister Boris Johnson amid ethics scandals and a worsening economic picture.

Voting held Thursday for thousands of seats on more than 200 local councils decided who will oversee garbage collection and the filling of potholes, but was also an important barometer of public opinion ahead of Britain's next national election, which must be held by 2024.

With results in from most districts in England, Scotland and Wales, the Conservatives had lost more than 350 council seats and lost control of 10 local authorities to either Labor or the Liberal Democrats.

**Judge rules for Greene:** A judge in Georgia on Friday found that U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene can run for reelection, rejecting arguments from a group of voters who had challenged her eligibility over allegations that she engaged in insurrection. But the decision will ultimately be up to Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.

Administrative Law Judge Charles Beaudrot announced his decision after a daylong hearing in



A Swiss Guard recruit, second from right, holds the Swiss Guard flag during a swearing-in ceremony Friday at the Vatican. This year, 36 recruits were added to the world's oldest military unit. The ceremony is held annually on May 6 to commemorate the deaths of 147 comrades as they protected Pope Clement VII in 1527. ANDREAS SOLARO/GETTY-AFP

April that included arguments from lawyers for the voters and for Greene, as well as extensive questioning of Greene herself.

State law says Beaudrot must submit his findings to Raffensperger, who has to decide whether Greene should be removed from the ballot.

The challenge to Greene's eligibility was filed by voters who allege the GOP congresswoman played a significant role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot that disrupted Congress' certification of Joe Biden's presidential election victory.

**Sri Lanka crisis:** Sri Lankan police used tear gas and a water cannon on Friday to disperse student protesters who were camped outside Parliament criticizing lawmakers for not ousting President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his government over the country's worst economic crisis in decades.

The student-led protest

began Thursday after a government-backed deputy speaker was elected in Parliament by a comfortable margin in what was seen as a key victory for the governing coalition. Separately, protesters have been occupying the entrance to the president's office in the capital, Colombo, for 28 days demanding Rajapaksa and his powerful ruling family quit.

The Indian Ocean island nation is on the brink of bankruptcy and has suspended payments on its foreign loans.

Sri Lanka was due to pay \$7 billion of its foreign debt this year out of nearly \$25 billion it must pay by 2026. Its total foreign debt is \$51 billion.

**Ex-officer sentenced:** A former Colorado police officer was sentenced to five years in prison and three years of parole Thursday for assaulting a 73-year-old woman with dementia while arresting her on suspicion of shoplifting around \$14 worth of items from a Walmart.

The officer, Austin Hopp, 27, formerly of the Loveland Police Department, pleaded guilty to second-degree assault March 2 in connection with the assault on the woman, Karen Garner, now 75. She sustained a dislocated shoulder and a broken bone when she was thrown to the ground and pinned during the 2020 arrest.

Police body-camera footage released last spring by Sarah Schielke, an attorney for Garner, showed an officer grabbing her on June 26, 2020, and flinging her to the ground.

She had been walking home from a nearby Walmart, where employees had called the police because they said she had walked out without paying for \$13.88 worth of items.

Garner, who has dementia and sensory aphasia, which impairs her ability to understand and communicate, forgot to pay for the items, according to her attorney.

In September, Loveland agreed to pay Garner \$3 million to settle her lawsuit against the city.

**China building collapse:** A building collapse one week ago in central China killed 53 people, state media reported Friday as the search of the large pile of debris ended after rescuers found 10 survivors.

Authorities said all the missing had been accounted for as of 3 a.m., state broadcaster CCTV posted online.

The residential and commercial building in the city of Changsha collapsed on April 29. At least nine people have been arrested on suspicion of ignoring building codes or committing other violations.

The arrested include the building owner, three people in charge of design and construction and five others who allegedly gave a false safety assessment for a guest house on the building's fourth to sixth floors.

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"**HONOR thy father and thy mother**, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee" (Deut. 5:16; Eph. 6:2). "Whoever CURSES his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure [utter] darkness" (Prov. 20:20). "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and FORSAKE NOT the law of thy mother" (Prov. 1:8). "A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish man DESPISETH his mother" (Prov. 15:20).

### God's Provision is Needed:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous [difficult] times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves...DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, unthankful, unholy" (2 Tim. 3:1-2). "There is a generation that CURSETH their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure IN THEIR OWN EYES" (Prov. 30:11-12). This is promoted by the age old "every man did that which was RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES" (Judges 21:25). And "let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die" (Isaiah 22:13). Take heart and know.

### God's Person is Found:

"I will LIFT UP MINE EYES unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). "And YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND FIND ME, when ye shall search for Me with ALL YOUR HEART, and I WILL BE FOUND BY you, saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 29:13-14). "COME UNTO ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). The Nation, the Family and YOU need God and His sure and certain Word, the BIBLE.

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OP-ED

# Stopping the bullies

By Robert Reich

Consider the larger pattern. Putin invades Ukraine. Trump refuses to concede and promotes his Big Lie. Rightwing politicians in America and Europe fuel white Christian nationalism. Rightwing television pundits encourage racism and spur bigotry toward immigrants. Police kill innocent Black people with impunity. Powerful men sexually harass and abuse women. Politicians target LGBTQ youth. CEOs who are raking in record profits and pay give workers meager wages and fire them for unionizing. The richest men in the world own the most influential media platforms. Billionaires make large campaign donations (bribes) so lawmakers won't raise their taxes.

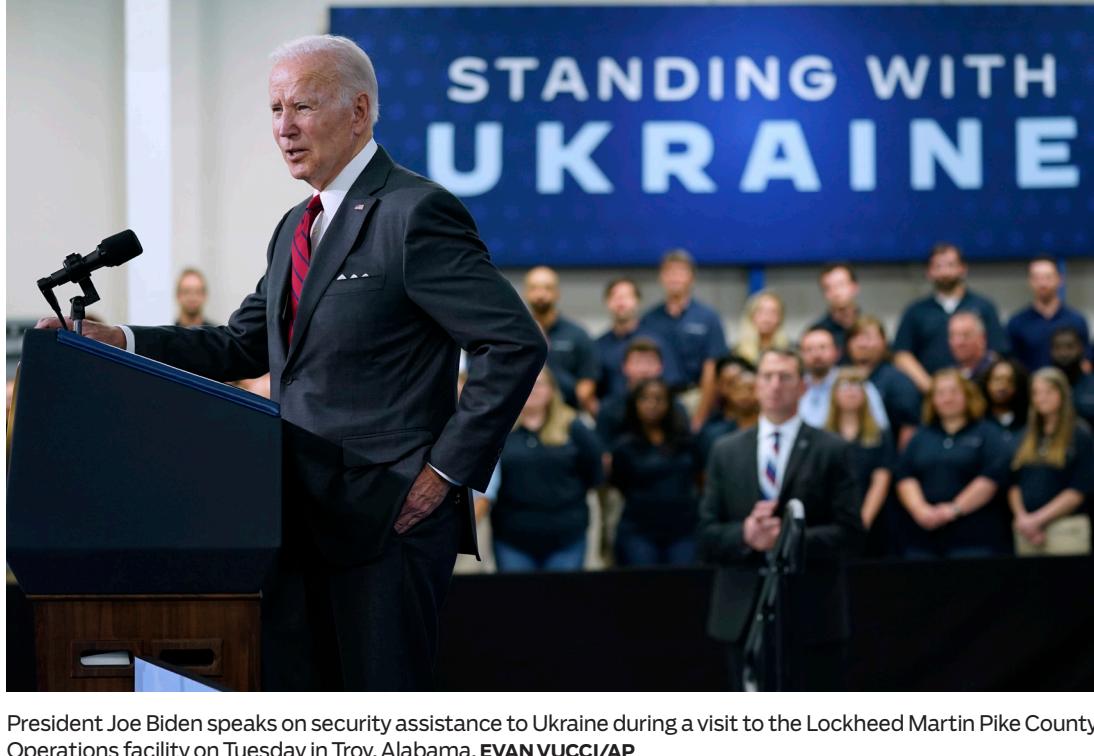
All are abuses of power. All are occurring at a time when power is concentrated in fewer hands.

Throughout history, the central struggle of civilization has been against brutality. The state of nature is a continuous war in which only the fittest survive — where lives are “nasty, brutish, and short,” in the words of English philosopher Thomas Hobbes. Without norms, rules, and laws preventing the stronger from attacking or exploiting the weaker, none of us is safe. We all live in fear. Even the most powerful live in fear of being attacked or deposed.

Civilization is the opposite of this state of nature. A civil society doesn’t allow the strong to brutalize the weak. Our job — the responsibility of all who seek a decent society — is to move as far from a state of nature as possible.

Certain inequalities of power are expected, even in a civil society. Some people are bigger and stronger than others. Some are quicker of mind and body. Some have more forceful personalities. Some have fewer scruples. Some inequalities of income and wealth may be necessary to encourage hard work and inventiveness, from which everyone benefits.

But when inequalities become too wide, they invite abuses. Without laws and norms that protect the weaker, the stronger will abuse their positions of power. Such abuses invite further abuses, until society degenerates into a Hobbesian survival of the most powerful. People with great wealth or celebrity; people who occupy high positions in government, business, the media, or the



President Joe Biden speaks on security assistance to Ukraine during a visit to the Lockheed Martin Pike County Operations facility on Tuesday in Troy, Alabama. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

church; people whose race, ethnicity, religion, or gender is dominant; people who command vast armies — such people may be tempted to use their power to demean, harm, or even annihilate weaker people. Unless they are stopped, an entire society — even the world — can descend into chaos.

Every time those who are stronger bully the weaker, the social fabric is tested. If bullying is not contained, the fabric unwinds.

Some posit a moral equivalence between those who seek social justice and those who want to protect individual liberty, between “left” and “right.” But there is no moral equivalence between bullies and the bullied, between tyranny and democracy, between brutality and decency — no “balance” between social justice and individual liberty. It is a false equivalence and a false choice. No individual can be free in a society devoid of justice. There can be no liberty where brutality reigns. The struggle for social justice is the most basic struggle of all because it defines how far a civilization has come from a Hobbesian survival of the most powerful.

Defending voting rights or LGBTQ rights or women’s rights is not the moral equivalent of attacking them. Coming to the assistance of refugee chil-

dren is not morally equivalent to putting them in cages. Prosecuting police who kill innocent Black people is not one side of an equally respectable stance defending the freedom of police to kill innocent Black people. Fighting racism is not of equal moral value to fueling racism. Seeking stronger safety nets for those in need is not on an equal moral footing with seeking to unravel safety nets. Championing stronger unions is not just the other side of pushing for weaker unions. Demanding higher taxes on billionaires is not morally equivalent to demanding lower taxes on them.

We inhabit a society and a world growing more unequal, in which political and economic power is becoming ever more concentrated. To claim that “both sides” — both the more powerful and the weaker — have the same moral standing is to avert one’s eyes to this reality. Lobbyists for large corporations, publicists for the wealthy, lawmakers for the privileged, pundits for the powerful, celebrity peddlars of racism and xenophobia — none deserves equal space in the public square to those fighting against abuses of the powerful. The powerful already have the largest megaphones and the deepest pockets. To allow the richest to own the means by which we receive the truth is to enable oligarchy.

Norms and laws must prevent such brutality. This is what civilization demands. This is why the fight is worth it.

To allow the worst demagogues free rein is to open wide the gates to tyranny.

Our duty is to stop brutality. Our responsibility is to hold the powerful accountable. Our moral obligation is to protect the vulnerable.

Putin must be stopped. Trump must be held accountable. Rightwing politicians who encourage white Christian nationalism must be condemned. Celebrity pundits who fuel racism and xenophobia must be denounced and defunded. Police who kill innocent Black people must be brought to justice. Powerful men who sexually harass or abuse women must be prosecuted. CEOs who treat their employees badly must be exposed and censored. Billionaires who bribe lawmakers to cut their taxes or exempt them from regulations must be penalized, and lawmakers who accept such bribes must be sanctioned.

Norms and laws must prevent such brutality. This is what civilization demands. This is why the fight is worth it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hartford needs Brainard airport

Kevin Rennie’s April 17 column touched many important issues that I have to comment on as a lifelong Hartford area resident [Insight, Page 1, “State shouldn’t spend \$1.5M to study Brainard Airport”]. My experience of reporting to a corporate executive allowed me to see how much the airport was utilized by executives for out-of-town business.

Kevin’s comments were right on when he mentioned “requiring the immediate presence of a skilled employee.” Bradley was very expensive, with long layovers, when booked at the last minute and not business-savvy when the costs were totaled.

Many long-term IT decisions were made because of Hartford-based knowledge and on the convenience of this local airport.

I also had personal exposure to an aviation insurance office based at Brainard Airport. It was a natural location as plane owners went through the airport. Why would developers want to change what is working well for the area?

Don’t be greedy — Hartford doesn’t want to be New York or Boston. Make what they already have work better.

**Karen Hall, Wethersfield**

## Too many anti-GOP stories on Page 1

Your bias was front and center, again, on April 23, and on the front page no less [“McCarthy told GOP of Trump Call”]. You can’t help yourself in printing anti-GOP articles, can you?

Why wasn’t your lead story about the disastrous stock market Friday? The 8.5% inflation? The 11.2 consumer price index? Those stories (if there are any!) are buried inside. I can go on and on, but why?

The liberal Courant doesn’t care. Why don’t you practice a little “fair and balanced” reporting? I know why and so do you.

**Larry Meaike, Coventry**

## Misleading column by Will

George F. Will likes to use “mendacious,” a fancy word for mild or mischievous dishonesty, to describe ideas or people he chastises. But in his recent column on charter schools [Opinion, April 25, “Biden has a tawdry new scheme to cripple nation’s charter schools”], Will himself is being mendacious when he states that Bill Clinton “became the first Democratic president reelected since Franklin D. Roosevelt.”

Technically, of course, he’s right. Democrats Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson were vice presidents who became presidents upon the deaths of their predecessors, so when they won full terms of their own in 1948 and 1964, respectively, they weren’t being “reelected.” But their victories in these contests belie Will’s implication that sitting Democratic presidents during this period were always rejected by the electorate.

**Rob Kyff, West Hartford**

## Franks left out facts in Robinson op-ed

Gary Franks’ piece on Jackie Robinson’s passionate activism [Opinion, April 24, “A lasting legacy”] was a simultaneously deserving tribute and partisan sleight of hand.

While listing Robinson’s groundbreaking accomplishments, Franks manages to mention that the first Black major-league ballplayer was also a Republican who “sparked a walkout of Black delegates” at the 1964 GOP convention over presidential candidate Barry Goldwater’s lack of support for the Civil Rights Act.

Franks adds, “The vast majority of Republican senators voted overwhelmingly in favor of the bill, much more so than their Democratic Senate counterparts.”

What Franks fails to mention, however, is that out of 1,308 GOP delegates, only 14 were Black. Further, he ignores how

the Republican and Democratic parties at the time would soon flip their civil rights ideologies due to the “Southern strategy” in which Republicans used fear to attract white Democrats — “Dixiecrats” — who rejected the call for integration. By 1968, in fact, Robinson refused to support Richard Nixon as the GOP presidential candidate.

Gary Franks deserves credit for recognizing the enduring legacy of Jackie Robinson on the 75th anniversary of his breaking the color barrier in baseball. He could have done so, however, in a more honest fashion.

**Barth Keck, Chester**

OP-ED

# US Senate race in Ohio pits a fake populist against a real one

By E.J. Dionne Jr.  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ohio voters have set up a U.S. Senate race that will test what happens when a real economic populist runs against a fake one in an increasingly red state.

The contest to replace retiring Republican Sen. Rob Portman is poised to measure whether a Republican who prostrates himself before Donald Trump by repudiating his sharp criticisms of the former president can convince a majority of his authenticity. It will also gauge whether a steadfastly pro-labor Democrat who speaks often and proudly of the “working class” can push aside Republican culture-war extremism and encourage voters to cast ballots on their economic future.

Rep. Tim Ryan, who won the Democratic nomination in a landslide Tuesday, is certainly the underdog in a state that Trump twice carried comfortably. But Ryan is relishing a battle against Republican J.D. Vance, a pro-Trump turncoat best known for his book, “Hillbilly Elegy.” Vance preaches cultural populism as a former corporate lawyer and venture capitalist whose old boss, pro-Trump billionaire Peter Thiel, advanced \$15 million to boost this supposed tribune of the people.

In an interview Wednesday, Ryan previewed his approach,

calling Vance a candidate who will “do and say anything he needs to do to gain power,” has “flip-flopped all over the place on Trump and every other issue,” “has no core convictions,” is “not interested in helping working-class people” and has “said that quite clearly he thinks America’s a joke.”

Yes, Vance said in a January interview that “unfortunately our country’s kind of a joke.”

Once-swung Ohio has given Democrats nightmares in recent years. While Barack Obama carried it in 2008 and 2012, only one Democrat has won a non-judicial statewide race since 2008.

But Ryan sings from the populist, tough-on-trade, pro-union songbook written by Democrat Sen. Sherrod Brown, who has prevailed in contests after Vance, most recently in 2018.

“I went to all 88 counties,” Ryan told me. “People there aren’t talking a lot about, you know, critical race theory. They’re talking about: ‘How do we get investment in our communities?’ ‘How do we get broadband in our communities?’ ‘How do we get jobs in our communities?’

“So, if you walk into Gallipolis or Steubenville or Portsmouth and you’re only talking about ... defunding the police and critical race theory ... you get laughed out of the room.” Voters, Ryan said, conclude that “this person does not understand how stressed out I am.”

“I’m representing the exhausted majority who are just tired of the fight,” he said.

As for Vance, his victory has been widely, and correctly, interpreted as a big win for Trump. Vance was running behind multiple GOP competitors before Trump belatedly embraced him. Never mind that Vance had to atone for past declarations that Trump was “reprehensible” and “cultural heroin.” If Trump is now the political drug of choice among Republican primary voters, Vance proved himself happy to share in the habit.

But another Republican also surged late. State Sen. Matt Dolan rose from single digits in early April to win 23% of the vote and finish a strong third, behind Vance and former state treasurer Josh Mandel.

Dolan became the voice of non-Trump and anti-Trump Republicans by speaking out against Trump’s election denial nonsense. Highlighting the divide between Republicans in big metro areas and those from small-town and rural Ohio, Dolan ran first in the Cleveland and Columbus areas and just behind Vance in Hamilton County, home of Cincinnati.

Ryan sees Dolan voters as ready to cross over to him: “Republicans who don’t want anything to do with the whole craziness that’s going on.” After Dolan’s defeat Tuesday night, Ryan said, “My phone was ring-

ing off the hook” with “Republicans here in Ohio who want to help — businesspeople and all the rest because they don’t want to go down this road of ... undermining democracy.”

Such voters, Ryan argues, would also recoil from a Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade. Ryan, who shifted in 2015 from opposition to support for abortion rights, predicts that “women and suburban Republicans who are very, very concerned” about Roe will find Vance’s past statements “extreme.” Among them: Vance has argued against exceptions for rape and incest in abortion bans.

Although Ryan got about 15,000 more votes on Tuesday than Vance did, it’s a measure of the challenge facing Democrats that turnout in the far more contested GOP primaries was roughly double Democratic turnout — a far bigger gap than in the 2018 primaries.

But if Democrats hope to expand their political map, they would be foolish to ignore a state where Trump has placed himself squarely on November’s ballot with his embrace of Vance — and where their nominee is willing to trust his fate to working-class voters of all races. He believes he can bring many of them back to the party they once called home.

*E.J. Dionne writes about politics for The Washington Post.*

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Joseph C. Ciampa Jr.

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**Farmington**

Vernon

Phyllis Janiszewski

Jerome C. Benoit

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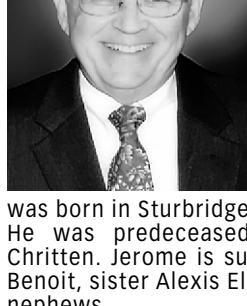
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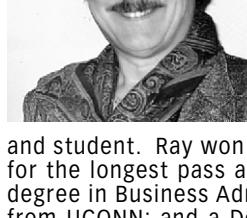
Walter J. Yanchak

**\* Denotes name listing only.  
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.****OBITUARIES****Benoit, Jerome C.**

Jerome C. Benoit, 84, of Vernon, left this life on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 surrounded by family. He is survived by his beloved wife Carol of 64 years, his children Peter and wife Carol, Kevin and wife Cindy, Jeff and wife Mitzi, Lori and partner Tina; and his grandchildren Lindsey, Joshua and Rachel. They filled his life with laughter and joy. Jerome was born in Sturbridge, MA to Levis and Rosalie Benoit. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Chritten. Jerome is survived also by his brother Kerry Benoit, sister Alexis Elza, cousins and many nieces and nephews.

Jerome worked at Pratt & Whitney for 36 years, graduating from the industrial engineering program and advancing to Foreman and then Senior Supervisor. Known for his problem-solving skills and ability to fix almost anything, he started a handyman business in retirement. After 42 years in South Windsor, Jerome and Carol moved to Cape Cod, where they volunteered at Hyannis Hospital. They moved back to Connecticut where he was active in their 55+ residential community. He loved nature and hiking, was an avid reader, history and aviation buff, and car enthusiast. Everyone who knew Jerome can attest to his kindness, generosity and ability to make people laugh. He cherished his family and was a devoted husband, father and grandpa. He is so dearly loved and will be sorely missed. The family wishes to thank his compassionate home caregiver, Rex.

Calling hours will be from 10 AM to 12 PM on Wednesday, May 18th at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Taicotville Road (Route 83), Vernon. A brief memorial service will be held at 12 NOON followed by burial at the Valley Falls Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy Research Center online or by check to "Massachusetts General Hospital - Fund 028184", Development Office, 125 Nashua St., Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101. For online condolences and guest book, please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)

**Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)****DeCormier, Ray Armand**

Ray Armand DeCormier, PhD, Professor Emeritus, 75, of East Berlin, CT, lost his courageous 2yr battle with cancer on May 1, 2022, surrounded by the love of his family. Ray was born in Rumford ME, to the late Armand and Irene (Fontaine) DeCormier. Ray was raised in Fairfield CT. He graduated from Roger Ludlow HS, having been a star athlete

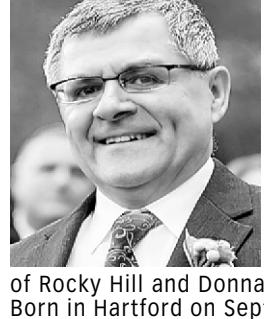
and student. Ray won the Decathlon and held a record for the longest pass as quarterback. Ray earned a BS degree in Business Administration, from CCSC; an MBA from UCONN; and a Doctoral degree from the Univ. of Bradford, Bradford, England. After College, Ray had a variety of jobs ranging from accounting to sales. In the 80's he opened and ran Boston McGees, one of the largest nightclubs in Ct. He went on to become a Professor of Marketing at CCSU, where he chaired the Marketing Department for several years. Ray was a gifted man, with great insight; He used his gifts wisely, always seeing the big picture, and planning accordingly. He had many interests, and always had a project in the works. Ray (aka Justin Kaace) loved to sing, dance, and perform; loved being a Monday night Karaoke DJ at the Pineloft in Berlin; His greatest joy was holding monthly 'Special Friends' dances at the VFW for his daughter and her friends. He had a great sense of humor, always ready with a joke. He also loved to debate. Ray served on the Board of CW Resources; He was Coach for his daughter's Challenger little league team. He designed and built his house at Amston Lake, he served as Treasurer for the Amston Lake Tax District for many years, where he brought the Budget under control and was able to reduce taxes. Ray's latest project was a luxury home development 'DECORMIER WOODS' in East Berlin. It brought him joy to name the street 'Brittany's Path' after his daughter Brittany. Ray had also written a book, "Creating Your Own World", which is scheduled to be published this summer. The book explains the philosophy by which Ray lived, to make things happen in his life. Ray is survived by and will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 48 years, Frances (Urban) DeCormier, and their special daughter Brittany DeCormier of East Berlin; sisters Joyce DeCormier of Colchester; Carol (Joseph) Baldacci of Jensen Beach, Fla.; Grace (Richard) Baril of Woodstock, CT and many nieces and nephews. Ray was predeceased by his sister Linda DeCormier. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, May 9 2022, at 11:30 am at St. Paul's Church, 485 Alling St, Kensington, CT, burial will follow in Wilcox Cemetery 273 Berlin St., East Berlin, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude's Research hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105.

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**OBITUARIES****Ciampa, Joseph C., Jr.**

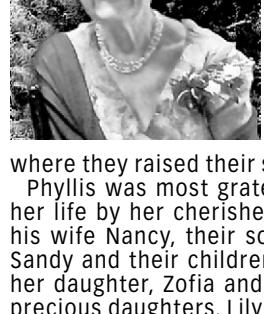
Joseph Charles Ciampa, Jr., 61, of Rocky Hill, passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. Joe will be dearly missed by his wife of nearly 35 years, Nicolina (DiMaio) Ciampa; his daughter, Elisa (Ciampa) and her husband Bruce Funeral of Rocky Hill; his son, Joseph C. Ciampa, III of Washington D.C.; and two sisters, Paula Ciampa of Rocky Hill and Donna Ciampa of Wethersfield.

Born in Hartford on September 3, 1960, he was the son of the late Joseph Charles, Sr. and Rose Marie (Buccino) Ciampa. He was a Technician at Legrand of West Hartford for 25 years, specializing in welding, tapping and assembly. In his free time, Joe enjoyed watching classic movies on TCM, playing tennis, rooting for the New York Yankees, and listening to his favorite oldies and classic rock from The Beatles to The Beach Boys. His super power was being able to name any song or artist from the 60s, 70s or 80s and his family would always recruit him for music trivia during cruise vacations. He loved to travel with his family where he could sit on the beach for hours, go on long walks outdoors, and find the best local seafood restaurants.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 8th at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 9th at St. Josephine Bakhtia Parish (St. James Church), 767 Elm St, Rocky Hill. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill.

To leave a message for the family or to view the memorial tribute video, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com)

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**Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)****Janiszewski, Phyllis (Rajski)**

Phyllis Rajski Janiszewski died on May 4, 2022. She was born on January 12, 1931 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the third daughter of Phil and Irene Rajski. Phyllis graduated from Shorewood High School in 1948 and Lake Forest College in Illinois in 1952. She married Edward Janiszewski in 1953 and they later moved to Connecticut where they raised their seven children in West Hartford.

Phyllis was most grateful for all the joy brought into her life by her cherished family: Edward Jr. "Chip" and his wife Nancy, their son Matt, son Billy and his wife, Sandy and their children Cora and Luca; Phil; Julie and her daughter, Zofia and husband Mike Taylor and their precious daughters, Lily and Isla; Tom and his wife Patti, their son Christopher and his wife Erin and their son Rowan; Joan and her children, Elizabeth and husband Mike Simpson, and Jake Karas; Mary and her children, Gabriel and Isabella Pellino; Ellen and her husband Paul Beegle. Phyllis hoped that each of them felt they were her favorite.

Phyllis was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Eddy, her parents, sisters Lois Schobert of Bayside, Wisconsin, Joan Young Jassoy of Wisconsin and Florida, and her brother, Paul Rajski of Glendale, Wisconsin. She also leaves many, beloved nieces, nephews, and their families.

Phyllis was an active member of St. Timothy's Parish in West Hartford for over 50 years, and volunteered for many other organizations throughout her life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, Monday, May 9th at 11:00 am at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main St., West Hartford, with a visitation at 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Burial will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to: Campaign for Human Development, Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002, [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org); or Connecticut Foodshare, 2 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT 06492, [www.ctfoodshare.org](http://www.ctfoodshare.org). Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

**Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)****Roberts, Douglas E.**

Douglas Edmond Roberts, 97, passed away recently following a long-term illness. He was born on October 2, 1924, in Torrington, Connecticut. His father was the late State Representative Laurence Hungerford Roberts and his mother was the late State Representative Dorothy Friend Roberts. He married the late Janet Elizabeth Vernon Roberts on June 24,

1961, in Windsor, Connecticut. Roberts is also predeceased by both his brothers, Laurence H. Roberts, Jr., and Arba Alford Roberts. He is survived by his sister-in-law Deborah Roberts and his niece Hannah Roberts Artuso and his nephews Laurence Roberts III, Mark Roberts, Arba A. Roberts Jr. and David Roberts. Roberts lived almost his entire life in the Riverton section of Barkhamsted. He served as the Town Historian for the Barkhamsted Historical Society, former Fire Chief for the Riverton Vol. Fire Department, member of Riverton American Legion Post #159 and Barkhamsted Lions Club. He was passionate about service dogs from Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities in Winchester. Professionally, Roberts was a well-known furniture refinisher and had a well-established business in Riverton. Roberts enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 31, 1943, when he was 18 years old and is a decorated WWII veteran. He saw action in Europe and served as a radar operator in Troop D, 25th Cavalry, Resonance Squadron for the U.S. Army from August 31, 1943 - April 17, 1946. He was selected as the first veteran to be honored in the Riverton Grange #169 Veteran of the Month Salute and he also served as a Parade Marshal for the Town of Barkhamsted Fourth of July Parade. Friends may call on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 922 Main Street, Winsted from 10 - 11 AM with a funeral service at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Barkhamsted Center Cemetery with Military Honors. Visit an online guestbook at [montano-shea.com](http://montano-shea.com).

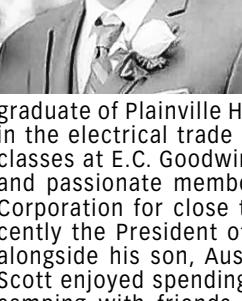
**Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)****Chambers, Franklin**

Franklin Chambers, 81, of East Hartford, beloved husband of Priscilla Chambers, passed away peacefully at home after a brief illness on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Frank was born on October 21, 1940, in Springfield, Massachusetts one of four children of the late Frank & Geneva Chambers. Frank served in the US. Army during the Vietnam War. Until his retirement, he was employed as a quality control statistician with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft with many years of dedicated service. In addition to his wife Priscilla, he leaves to cherish his memories, three sisters Judith Chambers Olivia Chambers (deceased) and Sheila Smith and her children, two daughters, Gloria Pellerin and her children, and Renee Robinson and her husband Arnold. Loving grandchildren, Tierra Womack, Alex Garnett, Andre Scott, Asia and Jabari Bracey, and Kameron and Kass Bracey, and his sister-in-law Pelonomi Taylor Khomoestile. Franklin was predeceased by a daughter Stephanie Peggins. His family would like to extend special thanks to Richard Edwards, Gordon Bannerman, Bruce Ellam and Keith Boushee. His family will receive friends on Monday, May 9, 2022, from 9:30-10:00 am., with a Celebration of Life service to follow at 10 am., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery, 429 Bay St., Springfield, MA.

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Ellen (Snigg) Donovan, 99, formerly of Durham, wife of the late John J. Donovan, died Friday March 4, 2022 at Apple Rehab, Middletown. She was born in New Bedford, MA, the daughter of the late William M. and Theresa (Melia) Snigg. She was a parishioner of Notre Dame Church in Durham and a member of the Notre Dame Church First Parish Council. She taught religious instruction at the church for many years. She enjoyed being a Girl Scout Leader in Durham. She participated in helping with many Red Cross blood drives. Ellen loved being a homemaker, wife and mother. She enjoyed helping others. Ellen is survived by nieces, Lauren Snigg Woods and her husband Geoffrey of Haddam; their daughter Meredith and husband Jordan Ingram of Westerly RI, Mary Poisson and her husband Joseph of New London, NH, Barbara Brimmer and her husband William of Newtown, predeceased by niece Sharon Felt, by nephews, Thomas Curry of Cromwell, and William Curry of New Britain. Steven Snigg and his wife Dianne of Lynn Haven, FL, and Michael Snigg and Paula Guenther of Laramie, WY as well as several grand nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Marie E. Donovan and her brother, William F. Snigg. A Memorial Mass will be held at Notre Dame Church, Main St., Durham on May 9th at 10 a.m. Burial was held at Mica Hill Cemetery, Durham. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to The Middlesex Central Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross, Middletown CT. Biega Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. To share memories or express condolences online please visit [www.biegafuneralhome.com](http://biegafuneralhome.com)

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Scott Paradis, 50, of Plainville, left his family and friends heartbroken upon his sudden passing on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. He was the husband and best friend of Rosamaria (D'Onofrio) Paradis. Born in New Britain on February 6, 1972, he was one of three sons to Carl and Linda (Willey) Paradis. Raised and educated in Plainville, Scott was a 1990 graduate of Plainville High School, and began his career in the electrical trade after completing post graduate classes at E.C. Goodwin Technical School. A dedicated and passionate member of Electrical Energy Systems Corporation for close to 30 years, Scott was most recently the President of the company, proudly working alongside his son, Austin and step-daughter, Marissa. Scott enjoyed spending time with his wife boating and camping with friends and family. Remembered as a loving husband, father, son, Papa and friend, Scott's selflessness was incomparable, as he helped everyone in need, asking nothing in return. He is loved deeply and will be missed immeasurably by the many lives he touched in his all too brief earthly life. In addition to his wife, Rosa, and his parents, Carl and Linda, he leaves his son, Austin and fiancée Bri White; his step-daughters, Marissa Pugliese, Katelyn Martin and her husband Joshua; and was the loving Papa to Ethan and Evan Martin. He also leaves his brother Carl J. Paradis; his in-laws, Dominic and Filomena D'Onofrio, several brothers and sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews, along with many extended family members and friends, including his faithful companion and weekend car ride buddy, his dog "Stella." He is predeceased by his brother Chris. Honoring Scott's love for his profession, donations may be made to his memorial scholarship c/o Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, 273 Dividend Rd, Suite A, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, ATTN: Allie French. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Family and friends may gather on Monday evening, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit [PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)

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## OBITUARIES

### **Horner, Leonard (Mansfield)**



Aviation titan and tilt-rotor pioneer, Leonard M. Horner, known as Jack, passed away on April 26th, 2022 at the age of 95 from natural causes. He left this world much in the same way that he led his life - with determination and strength through adversity.

Son of Horace M. Horner and Lela Shumate of Hartford, CT,

Jack was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 50 years, Patricia Doak Horner, his second devoted wife, Linda Marlow Castle, his son James Horner and his sister Lela Horner. Jack's legacy lives on in the surviving members of his family: his children Julia "Barry" Capistran and husband Jon of Middleboro, MA; John Horner and wife Jane, of Austin, TX; Jacqueline "Carter" Harty and husband Rob of Dallas, TX; his nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His spirit endures with the Castle family along with countless others whose lives were enriched and who benefitted from just knowing him. To know Jack Horner was to know a gentleman, a caring soul and a charming friend.

Jack's journey in life brought him to many corners of his beloved country and the world. Upon graduating from Phillips Academy Andover in the spring of 1945, Jack enlisted into the United States Marine Corps to serve his country in World War II. After the War ended, he was admitted into the Naval Reserve Officer Training Course at Yale University in 1947. Upon graduation in 1951, he served as a decorated infantry officer and aerial observer during the Korean War. Jack rose to the rank of captain after earning his wings and completing helicopter training during his service with his Marine Fighter Attack Squadron until his honorable discharge in 1956. In that same year, he joined Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, CT as an aide but quickly advanced through the ranks of the aviation industry before joining Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth, TX in 1974 as vice president. By 1983, Jack was named president and then chairman of the company in 1991 before his retirement in 1992. His influence on tilt-rotor innovations shaped commercial and military aviation from its inception, and his impact continues to be felt to this day.

An avid skier, hunter, fisherman, and all-round sportsman, Jack cherished time spent with family and friends upon the New England coastline and the Green Mountains of Vermont. He made homes amid the oaks of Connecticut, the plains of Texas, and a college community in Virginia. Many fond memories were framed within the winding rivers and sloping hills near the A Bar A ranch in Wyoming. He had so many places he considered home, friends around every corner and was never without a story to share. Jack often sat with his little black address book and would choose a friend or acquaintance, surprising them with a phone call looking to catch up, share a hearty laugh, or schedule a long-overdue get together. Always up for an adventure, Jack lived life to its fullest whether that be horseback riding, whitewater rafting, or "helicopter camping" across vast landscapes. His limits were as endless as the horizon, save perhaps for skydiving because as he would state, "Why would you ever jump out of a perfectly good airplane?" He was truly a conquistador of the skies. May we all live as long and as full of a life as he. Happy trails to you - until we meet again.

I wish that I was a yellow bird  
I could fly away with you  
But I am not a yellow bird  
So here I shall sit, thinking of you.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on June 11, 2022 at Emmanuel Church 285 Lyons Plain Rd, Weston, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that you make a donation in honor of Jack Horner to autismspeaks.org

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### **Stechholz, Edith Suttmeier**



Edith (Suttmeier) Stechholz, age 100, beloved wife of the late Ewald Stechholz died peacefully on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Vernon Manor. Edith was born on March 10, 1922, in Queens, NY, daughter of the late William and Elsie (Bomelburg) Suttmeier. Edith grew up in Richmond Hill, NY. She met and married the love of her life, Ewald and together they moved to Vernon, CT over 65 years ago. She worked as a bookkeeper for an Architectural Engineering firm. She enjoyed spending summers in the Poconos with her husband Ewald. She was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon. Edith is survived by three nephews, Rev. David Stechholz of Detroit, MI, Jon Stechholz of East Islip, NY, and Dennis Stechholz of Manchester, CT, and a niece, Claudia Chiaro of Roseville, GA, and their families. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 10 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Meadowlark Rd., Vernon. Her family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday prior to the service from 9-10 a.m. Burial will be in Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington, NY immediately following the service. Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Meadowlark Rd., Vernon, CT 06066. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon is caring for the arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneral-home.com](http://www.carmonfuneral-home.com)



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### **Yanchak, Walter J.**



Yanchak, Walter John Yanchak, 91, of West Hartland, beloved husband of Josephine (Kilian) Yanchak for 67 years died, May 2, 2022. He was born in New Britain, son of the late John and Louise (Zurawski) Yanchak. Upon graduation from New Britain High School, Walter joined the US Navy. He proudly served during the Korean War aboard the USS O'Hare and the USS Oriskany. After their marriage, Walter and Josephine resided in New Britain in his childhood home on Lester Street. Soon after, they purchased a parcel of land out in the woods of West Hartland. They built and moved into their new family home there in 1959. He loved everything outdoors; gardening, hunting, fishing, raising beagles and tending to his apple orchards and Christmas trees. Walter was employed as a machinist at Pratt & Whitney at the Southington plant for over 40 years until his retirement. Besides his wife Josephine, he is survived by his two daughters; Joan (Greg) Makowski of West Hartland and Joy (Wieslaw) Chlus of Wethersfield. Walter was the proud Dziadek "Ja" of six grandchildren; Bethany Makowski, Jeffrey Makowski, Teresa Chlus, Adam Chlus, Marta Chlus and Sabina Chlus. He also leaves his brothers; John Yanchak, Peter Yanchak and William Yanchak along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Albin Yanchak, Leonard Yanchak and sister Regina Williams. Relatives and friends may call on Monday, May 9, 2022 at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 5 Steele Road, New Hartford from 9 AM - 11 AM. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish, New Hartford at 11:30 AM with a burial to follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, New Hartford with Military Honors. Visit an online guestbook at [montanoshea.com](http://montanoshea.com)

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She leaves behind her two sons Gregg Anderson of Windsor, CT, Eric Anderson of Enfield, CT, and her granddaughter Jessica Anderson of Enfield, CT.

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Within our store of memories  
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For no one else can ever be  
More cherished in our hearts.

Love,

Your nine children and their families

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PAOLA (SILLUZIO) PIRANEO



2/8/1946 - 5/7/2007

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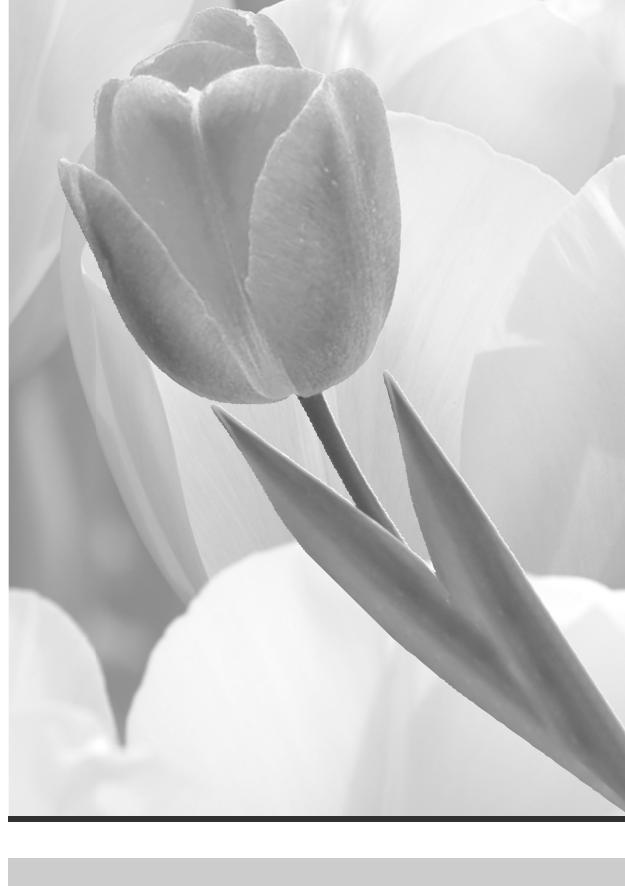
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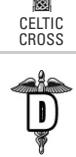
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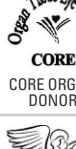
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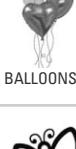
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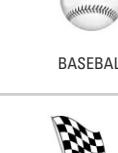
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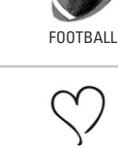
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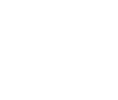
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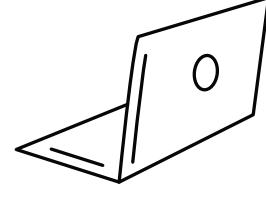
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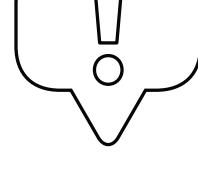
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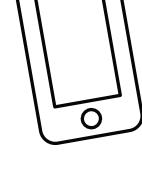
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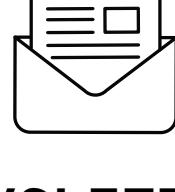
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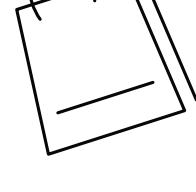
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## Services set for Branford crash victims

Two brothers — sons of TV host Dudchik — and teen girl were killed last week on Hosley Avenue

**By Jesse Leavenworth**

Hartford Courant

Funeral services for three young people who died in a car crash last week — the two sons of Connecticut television host Tom Dudchik, and 17-year-old Megan Nicole Povilaitis — are set for early next week.

Anthony Dudchik, 19, Robert Dudchik, 22, and Povilaitis were killed in the one-car crash on April 28 on Hosley Avenue in Branford.

Police said Povilaitis was driving at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a turn. The Dudchik brothers were passengers.

There are no calling hours for the two men. Masses of Christian burial are set for Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 48 Middlesex Ave., Chester. WTNH, Channel 8 is to live-stream the service on wtnh.com and on the station's Facebook page. Their father, Tom Dudchik, a former state representative and former state official,



Anthony  
Dudchik



Robert  
Dudchik

hosts Channel 8's Capitol Report and runs a news aggregation site with the same name.

Calling hours for Povilaitis are set for Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Ave., North Haven. A

Mass of Christian burial is set for Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St Barnabas Church in North Haven.

Anthony Dudchik was described in his obituary as "the adored son of Thomas and Nora Fitzgerald Dudchik of East Haddam." He was a freshman at Southern Connecticut State University and a graduate of Nathan Hale-Ray High School in East Haddam, where he was a member of the soccer and track teams. Before college, he had worked since age 15 at Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies in East Haddam.

"Anthony was a gifted photographer and a lover of anime," accord-

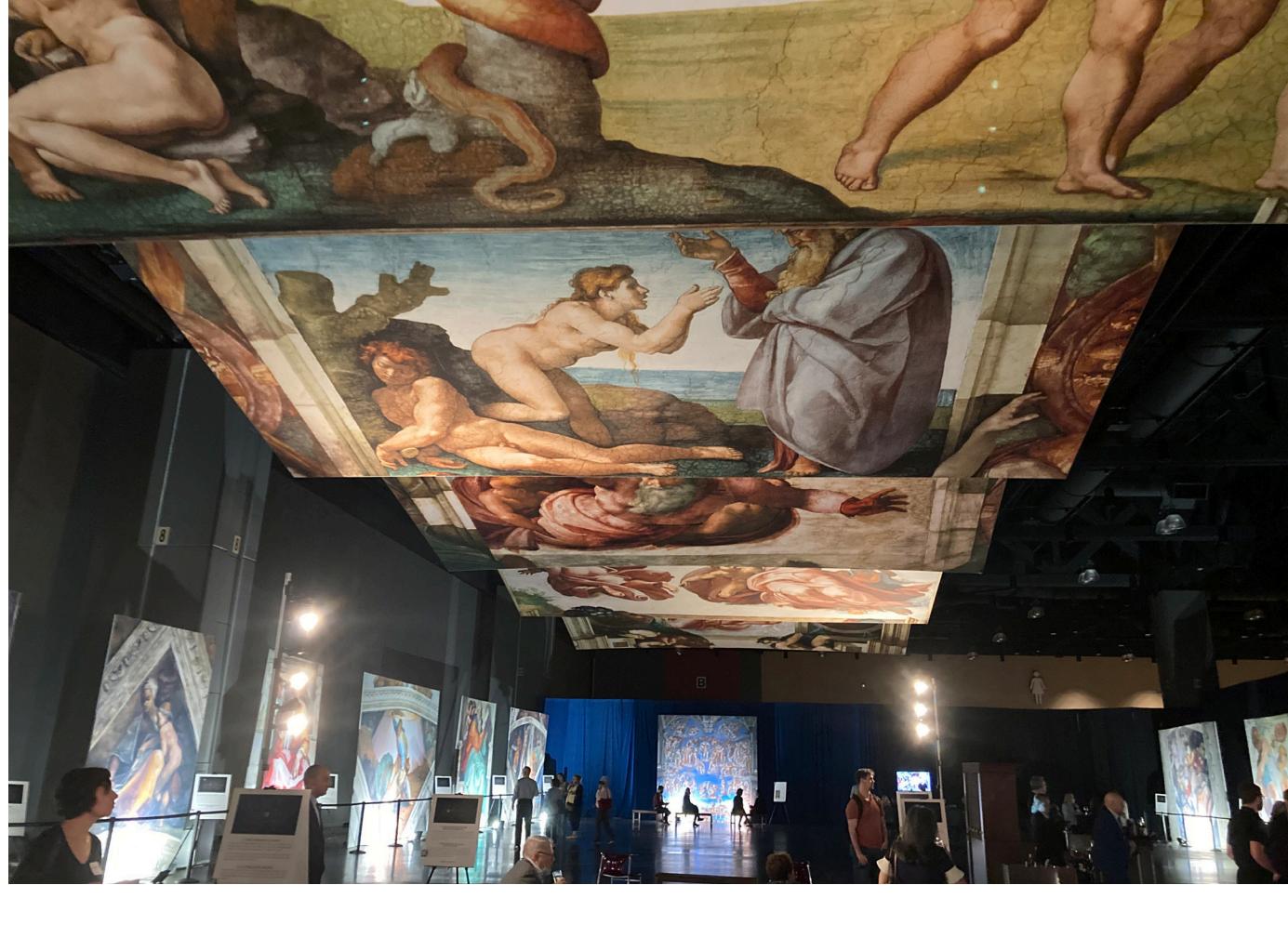
ing to his obituary. "He spent many nights in front of the fireplace discussing with us his love of the genre... Everyone loved Anthony — there was a lot to love."

Robert Dudchik was a flight attendant for Avelo Airlines and lived in East Haven close to Tweed New Haven Airport, his obituary says.

"He was very proud to be in the inaugural class for Avelo at Tweed and among the first to receive his wings," the obit says. "Traveling and customer service were Robert's passion. He excelled at

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**'Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition'** brings Michelangelo's masterpiece to the masses at the Connecticut Convention Center



## A FRESH ANGLE

**By Christopher Arnott**

Hartford Courant

**G**od, saints, angels — and the most famous outstretched hands in world history — are reaching out to you, larger than life in "Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition" at the Connecticut Convention Center.

The art exhibit, billed as "a life-size, up close, never before seen perspective," opened Thursday night and will be in Hartford through June 26. Created by SEE Global Entertainment, it has been touring since mid-2015 and there are now five separate tours of "Sistine Chapel" in the U.S. alone.

A dozen gigantic images line each long wall of the rectangular space. These are stand-alone images from the vast Sistine Chapel ceiling

### If you go

"Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition" is on display through June 26 at the Connecticut Convention Center. Visiting hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Find ticket prices and more info at chapelsistine.com.

**ABOVE:** The ceiling panels are not featured at every location where "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel" is installed, but the Connecticut Convention Center has the required high ceilings. **CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT / HARTFORD COURANT**

frescoes, and they let viewers focus on such details as the ancestors of Christ, who get their own portraits, including Jesse, Asa, Joniah and Ezechias.

They are on separate stands and each has descriptive text on a signboard next to it. The signs each have a place to activate the spoken description on a personal listening device. You can walk far away from the images and still hear the audio descriptions. The text was written expressly for this exhibition by California-based art historian Joanne Carruba.

The room is dimly lit, with individual lights illuminating each large panel.

Hanging on scaffolding from above are reproductions of eight long ceiling panels from the Sistine Chapel, letting attendees look up at

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Paul Mondesire rides one of the new LINK e-scooters deployed around downtown Hartford in April 2021. COURANT FILE PHOTO

ainment areas around Front Street. But we also see significant volume of rides starting and ending in the North End and out on the west side of the city near the West Hartford town line.

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## One year later, LINK's ridership going strong

A look at who's using them, where they're going

**By Kaitlin McCallum**

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A year after LINK scooters debuted in Hartford, the operator says the program that allows people to rent electric scooters for rides around the city is going strong, with 250,000 trips taken by all types of people going all types of places.

Hartford Link riders logged more than 400,000 miles — more than 100,000 of them during the winter months — among the highest ridership in the country, the company said in a release.

The scooters can be found all over Hartford, but ridership tends to be concentrated downtown, with Elizabeth Park and the University of Hartford popular destinations, as well as city parks and entertainment venues, according to the company.

To make the scooters easier

to find and perhaps ensure they remain in good condition, the company plans to install 15 to 20 parking corrals for the scooters — essentially parking spots painted on pavement. The parking corrals, to be installed by Memorial Day, will be in areas where the highest number of trips begin and end.

To find out more about the Superpedestrian LINK Scooter's first year in Hartford, The Courant asked Zach Williams, policy manager at the company, a few questions:

**Q: What are the most common places people seem to use the scooters to get to and from?**

**Stores? The library? Entertainment venues? Work?**

**A:** All of the above! Downtown sees the highest volume of rider-

ship, especially around the Parks, Dunkin' Donuts Stadium, and the office buildings and enter-

## Bills targeting mental health in children pass

Will boost resources and expand access to care

**By Jenna Carlesso**

CT Mirror

The legislature has given final passage to three wide ranging measures that would expand access to and boost resources for children's mental health, with some lawmakers calling it the defining issue of Connecticut's 2022 legislative session.

The Senate approved House Bill 5001, a proposal that focuses on Slap services in the medical sector and in the community. The House passed Senate Bill 1, which features resources for schools, and Senate Bill 2, which concentrates on early childhood interventions. All three now head to the governor's desk for his signature.



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Passage of the bills was a first

step toward confronting what lawmakers and health providers have called an escalating crisis in Connecticut and elsewhere.

"There's a saying: Don't waste a crisis. Connecticut's been wasting one crisis after another when it comes to mental health," said Sen. Derek Slap, a West Hartford Democrat.

"Every time a child falls asleep in the emergency department in the hallway because there are no beds, that's a crisis," he said.

"Every time a child dies by suicide because they didn't get the support and help they needed, that's a crisis. Every time children suffer in their rooms, don't go to school and don't function, that's a crisis. And it's gotten worse."

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The project will have 22 apartments in the mixed-use section on the western end of the 15-acre property, and 177 more in a series of new buildings that will be built fronting the Farmington River.

"These are only approximate numbers but we are projecting 94 one-bedroom and 105 two-bedroom units," Alter told commissioners.

Developers will try to attract a bike shop for a 1,200-square-foot

shop they plan in the commercial section. The project is directly along the Farmington River Trail, a popular Canton-to-Farmington bike and walking path. It links to the much longer Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, which is eventually expected to link New Haven and Northampton, Massachusetts.

Cycling advocates would like a bike shop with repair and parts services near that section of the trail, but Alter said the developers cannot promise it.

A bike shop would be very good. We can't guarantee if that

tenant that will make itself available to occupy that space. We don't want someone to think there will automatically be a bike shop in the development," he said.

Alter said the developer have spent about four years looking at ways to reuse the McCallum Building, a nearly century-old grain storage building. Kaoud Real Estate Development has experience with mixed-use buildings, Alter said, and operates a four-story building on West Hartford's South Main Street with first-floor retail and three floors of apartments.

The commission approved the McCallum project, and last week gave Pond LLC the go-ahead to build 199 apartments on 34 acres behind the Pond View Corporate Center near Batterson Park.

Last spring, a developer won approval to convert the Hartford Marriott Farmington on Farm Springs Road into apartments. In October, GF8 Farm Springs LLC led a partnership that bought the property for more than \$20 million; so far, it has sought no revision to the previous developer's zoning approval.

A 10-acre parcel on Perry Street

in Unionville was approved for 268 apartments in 2015. Property owner Robert Landino said this winter that he has the land under contract to sell to a new developer, but it's unclear whether the buyer intends to modify Landino's original plan.

And Farmington-based Metro Realty Group is waiting to resolve court challenges to its 131-unit plan. The company intends to build apartments on the opposite side of Farmington Avenue from the UConn Health Center; nearby landowners are trying to block that project in court.



"Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel," at the Connecticut Convention Center. CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT/HARTFORD COURANT

### Exhibit

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the art in a manner vaguely similar to viewing it in the chapel.

Having "Sistine Chapel" at the convention center means there's room for the entire exhibition.

"We can't always do the ceiling frescoes," says Eric Leong, SEE's associate producer, who was in town for the unveiling. "We need to have tall ceilings."

But it's the giant upright panels that offer the freshest angle on Michelangelo.

"People who've been to the Sistine Chapel," Leong says, "say it can be hard to see. This brings the art down to you."

At one end of the room is a 13-foot-tall reproduction of "The Last Judgement," the one image in the exhibition which is smaller than the original, which is 40 by 45 feet.

At the other end of the space is the single best-known image from the Sistine Chapel, "The Creation of Adam," which shows God surrounded by angels, reaching a finger out toward a reclining Adam.

A merchandise area offers images of "The Creation of Adam" printed onto cosmetics bags, laptop cases, canvas bags and T-shirts.

Leong says "The Creation of Adam" gets a prominent placing because "so many people want to take selfies with it." He says the company was initially in contact

with the Vatican about the exhibit, "but they ghosted us," so SEE went with existing digital photos archived by Bridgeman Images.

The blow-ups are done using SEG (Silicone Edge Graphics) technology.

There's also a lively film being projected at the far end of the space, an episode of the web series "Artrageous with Nate" devoted to Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel. This pre-existing film was licensed for use with this exhibit.

Leong says SEE has been bringing its shows into "a lot of convention centers since COVID. It's easier for us. Convention centers have space to fill, and we can enter into partnerships."

This is SEE's first exhibit in Connecticut. Previous East Coast visits of "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel" have included New York City, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Paramus, New Jersey, and, in a reduced form, at the Big E in West Springfield in 2017. Negotiations to bring the exhibition to a new city can take as long as a year, Leong says. The Hartford arrangements took about 10 months.

The room also features a few chairs and benches. "We know we're not the original [Sistine Chapel]. Something we can offer you is a place to sit," Leong says.

Leong says attendance at the exhibition, based on other cities, can be "between 10,000 and 25,000 per month." He says that in the U.S., Chicago has been the most popular city for "Michelangelo's

Sistine Chapel," while globally it's been Vienna, Austria.

The popularity of exhibitions like "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel" grew during the COVID-19 pandemic, Leong says.

Connecticut Convention Center's general manager Michael Costelli says his team was already considering exhibitions like this when SEE approached them last year.

"We knew we had to do something different. We had a lot of space and we needed to be open."

Costelli calls the Michelangelo installation "a home run" for the center. "For safety during COVID, this is a touchless exhibit."

The center will host "Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience," from a different production company, from August to October. It is also planning to work with SEE again, possibly for a new "Highlights of the Louvre" exhibition.

Father Edward Przygocki of Holy Apostles College & Seminary in Cromwell attended Thursday's reception.

"As a priest, this is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the Vatican," says Przygocki, who has seen the Vatican and the actual Sistine Chapel and met three popes. "What's amazing about this is that you can almost touch the paintings, see them close, appreciate the movement of the art."

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"Our children have been suffering for a long, long time, and we've been failing. ... I think [these bills are] going to shine some light on our children ... give them some hope. It's the most important thing we're going to do this legislative session."

During the pandemic, the number of children and teens waiting in emergency departments for inpatient psychiatric beds increased. In February, for example, that number more than doubled in Connecticut — to 56, up from 26, according to the Connecticut Hospital Association.

An average of 38 children waited for care on any given day during that time. Of those 38, an average of 31 were between 13 and 17 years old, and seven were 12 or younger.

Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney, D-New Haven, called the bills "major signature achievements of this General Assembly session."

"This is a mobilization and a recognition that this is an area that has been a crisis in our state for some time," he said. "It is now, finally I think, reaching the level of urgency, the public spotlight, and the mobilization of this General Assembly to deal with it as we should."

Each piece of legislation tackles different aspects of a sweeping problem.

House Bill 5001 includes 73 different sections with a slew of programs and funding. It would

make license reciprocity possible for out-of-state providers, especially those who treat children. It also would set up a grant program for local and regional boards of education to hire additional school mental health specialists,

and create a second grant program for school boards and operators of youth camps to help cover mental health services for students.

Under the bill, certain health plans would have to offer coverage for two mental health wellness examinations per year performed by a licensed mental health provider and waive the requirement for prior authorization.

The measure also mandates that the state health care advocate designate an employee to handle services specific to minors, and launches a peer-to-peer mental health support program.

The proposal won unanimous final passage in the Senate with a vote of 36-0.

Senate Bill 1, which would bolster mental health programs in schools, increase wages for child care workers and create a minority teacher scholarship fund, among other priorities, passed the House Tuesday by a vote of 138-10.

The measure would set aside \$10 million for grants to expand services at school-based health centers. It also would create a grant program to help boards of education hire and retain social workers, nurses, psychologists and counselors in schools.

The bill would devote \$70 million to salary enhancement

grants for child care and early childhood education workers, and increase the number of infant and toddler slots in child development centers across the state to 2,800 spaces, up from 1,500.

Under the proposal, school boards would be provided with information about how to acquire no-cost opioid antagonists like Narcan, and school employees would be trained on its proper usage and handling. The measure would allow pharmacists and prescribing providers to dispense Narcan to school boards, and require schools to designate one employee to administer the medication in the event that a school nurse is unavailable.

The bill also directs the state Department of Education to devise strategies for streamlining and improving pathways to teacher certification, and it would create a task force to address teacher shortage and retention. One million dollars would be set aside for a new minority teacher candidate scholarship program.

The proposal also would launch a task force to help combat ableism, the discrimination or social prejudice against people with disabilities, in school settings.

Senate Bill 2, which includes 46 sections targeting a range of initiatives, cleared the House with a vote of 129-17. Sixteen Republicans and one Democrat opposed the measure. Rep. Catherine Abercrombie, D-Meriden, was the lone Democrat voting against it.

The bill would expand access to mobile crisis centers through

out the state, making them available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It also would set up a fund to address social determinants of mental health, the factors — such as housing instability, a lack of access to healthy food, poverty, racial discrimination, unemployment and adverse early life experiences — that influence a person's mental health. Families dealing with these problems could apply for financial support.

The proposal would also require Connecticut's commissioner of public health to convene a working group to study methods of recruiting and retaining psychiatric and behavioral health providers, the prospect of a loan forgiveness program for people who go into the field, and the effect of the health insurance landscape on limiting access to care, among other issues. The group must report its findings to the state no later than Jan. 1, 2024.

Under the bill, the state would partner with the University of Connecticut's Neag School of Education to conduct a study of the impact of social media and mobile phone usage on the mental health of K-12 students. The study will examine children in elementary school, middle school and high school. The authors will submit their report to the state by Jan. 1, 2024.

During the House debate of Senate Bill 2, some Republicans took issue with different sections of the proposal. Rep. Gale Mastropietro, R-Wolcott, questioned the value of using money from the American Rescue Plan Act to

fund certain initiatives. The bills include financial backing from the state's general fund and from ARPA money.

"I think things are a little — I'm going to be blunt, if I may — messed up," she said. "We put a plan together ... and we're utilizing ARPA money. Are we not thinking of what the consequences are going to be when that money runs out? Are we not sitting here thinking that, you know what, two years from now or a year from now, we don't have that funding anymore? We are going to have to figure it out."

Proponents of the bills have said that the ARPA money would be used to support short-term initiatives, while the general fund money would cover longer term programs. For example, ARPA funds could be used to purchase a mobile unit — a one-time cost — while the staff running that unit would be paid from the general fund.

Others voiced support for the measure, calling it one of the major mental health bills of the session.

"It's so critical that we keep reminding that we have so many mental health needs with our students," said Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey, D-Fairfield. "And this is a bill that attempts to look at those and help in the best way we can. ... I think it's going to be doing some really good work."

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## CONNECTICUT

### CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

# Homeowner assistance program kicks off

Applications now open for MyHomeCT, which offers up to \$30K for those affected by pandemic

**By Ginny Monk**

CT Mirror

Months after the launch of its pilot program, Connecticut's full assistance program for homeowners who were affected financially by COVID-19 is now open for applications.

It's meant to avoid foreclosures for nonpayment of mortgages and other foreclosures for reasons such as back taxes, insurance and condo association fees.

The program, called MyHomeCT, is funded with about \$123 million in federal money. Connecticut homeowners who have a household income up to 150% of the area median income and suffered a pandemic-related financial hardship are eligible.

Homeowners are eligible for up to \$30,000 in grants. Applications

are available online.

It's the latest in a series of programs designed to help people recover from the pandemic. In February, the state Department of Housing closed applications to its UniteCT program, which provided rental assistance to tenants affected by the pandemic.

The homeowners' assistance program was funded through the American Rescue Plan. The U.S. Department of the Treasury is overseeing the program, which had nearly \$10 billion set aside to be disbursed among states, tribes, territories and Washington, D.C.

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority is managing the state's program. The agency distributed about \$4.9 million through the pilot program, and about \$14 million is designated for administrative costs. About \$104

million is left for awards in the full program.

The program has 51 participating mortgage servicers. Condominiums, manufactured homes and one- to four-unit house mortgages are eligible.

The pilot program had lower income limits and fewer mortgage servicers participating than the full program. So far, the program has awarded money to 347 people. The median grant amount was \$14,844, according to the finance authority's data.

"We worked specifically with a set number of servicers, and we also focused on a certain area median income," said Marcus Smith, the finance authority's director of research, marketing and outreach. "We wanted to make sure that lower income folks had access."

The higher income limits and number of servicers will likely mean more people will participate in the full program, Smith added.

"I think we're excited, and we're confident that we'll get a good uptake," he said.

While the number of foreclosures in Connecticut took a nosedive at the start of the pandemic, they were ticking up again last year as federal protections ended.

The federal government set a moratorium on foreclosures for mortgages guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac in March 2020, and those protections ended in July 2021. Homeowners could also opt for extended 18-month forbearances, or pauses on mortgage payments. The first of those 18-month options expired in the fall.

ATTOM, a company that gathers data on foreclosures and other topics, estimates that the number of properties with foreclosure filings was at just over 78,000 nationally in the first quarter of 2022, up about 39% percent from the last quarter and 132% from 2021.

Jeff Gentes, managing attorney for the Fair Lending and Foreclosure Prevention Project at the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, said the center is seeing more cases from people whose forbearance options expired.

"We're starting to see what we long expected and what frankly seemed delayed, which is that people's mortgage companies are not offering them a workout after their forbearances," Gentes said.

This means the homeowners' assistance program is coming at a critical time, he added.

The number of foreclosures filed per week has hovered around 160 lately, he said. While they're elevated compared to earlier in the pandemic, it's still well below pre-pandemic numbers.

"So far it's been mostly a pilot program to pick off some pending foreclosures before the program goes into full launch mode," he said. "We're hoping that it [the full program] goes well."

# 'This is compassion on both sides'

Bill outlining reforms for Whiting Forensic Hospital gets final OK

**By Kelan Lyons**

CT Mirror

A bill that would reestablish an oversight board for Whiting Forensic Hospital and charge the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services with creating a plan to replace the Middletown hospital received final legislative approval in a unanimous House vote.

The Senate unanimously passed the bill on April 29, the three-year anniversary of the first meeting of the CVH Whiting Task Force, which was formed in the wake of staff abuse of William Shehadi Jr., a patient at the state's sole maximum security psychiatric hospital.

State Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor and co-chair of the Public Health Committee, said Shehadi is the reason legislators were committed to reforming practices at Whiting — because his case alerted lawmakers to the systemic abuse at the Middletown hospital.

"That shattered the confidence a lot of people had in our state system," said Anwar.

The bill legislators passed is based on recommendations from the task force, but Sen. Heather Somers, R-Groton and ranking member of the Public Health Committee, said the measure was not as strong as the task force wanted.

"They're watered down as they are very conscious of risk, and they have moved the needle slightly, but

they haven't swung the pendulum as far as the task force had wanted," Somers told her colleagues before they approved the bill last week.

During a 13-hour public hearing on March 28 lawmakers listened to testimony from a group rarely heard at the Capitol: Whiting patients.

"It's more a prison than a hospital," said Alvin Wilson. "It should be treated as a hospital, not a prison, and maybe the new place you all get [will] have a procedure where you can get better ways."

— Alvin Wilson, patient at Whiting Forensic Hospital

Several patients said that even though Whiting staff have helped them become better versions of themselves, there is still a need for reform. Nicolas Simmons said he regularly attends therapeutic group sessions, and that he gets individual mental health treatment whenever he requests it.

"When I first got here, I was an emotional wreck," he said.

Simmons said the new hospital that will replace Whiting should have space for patients to engage in vocational and educational pursuits, and learn independent living skills.

"I wholeheartedly feel that it can only make a good thing even better," said Simmons.

The measure also makes changes to laws concerning the Psychiatric Security Review Board, which supervises those found not guilty by reason of insanity. Under the proposal, the PSRB would need to consider the patient's safety and wellbeing, in addition to public safety, when considering whether to discharge or transfer an acquitted patient to a less secure setting.

In their testimony, patients said the board doesn't respect the rights of those under its supervision, as they can be stuck in the

include language allowing Whiting and Connecticut Valley Hospitals to approve temporary leave for PSRB patients without first going through the security review board.

"We are not changing the requirements for release to the outside community. Those releases will still be determined by the Psychiatric Security Review Board," said Rep. Mary Mushinsky, D-Wallingford.

The amended version of the bill allows victims to be notified when a PSRB patient is being considered for temporary leave from the hospital, said Rep. Craig Fishbein, R-Wallingford, striking a balance between protecting victims' and PSRB patients' rights.

"This is compassion on both sides, not only for the patients, but also for the victims," said Fishbein.

Lawmakers emphasized that the bill they passed was not the end of their work on reforming Whiting Forensic Hospital, and encouraged victims to get in touch with them if they remain concerned.

Appearing via video at the March 28 public hearing, Ricardo Pagan, a patient at Whiting for the last 22 years, said he feels bad for victims but believes patients deserve to have their needs considered.

"We're human beings, too," he said. "A lot of us don't deserve to be locked up like animal[s]."

Others echoed a similar sentiment, reminding lawmakers of Whiting patients' humanity.

"We're not bad people getting worse," said David McKeever. "We're good people trying to get better."

# 15K vie for pot retail licenses

First lottery for social equity slots expected within the next week

Associated Press

More than 15,600 applications were submitted before this week's deadline for a chance to be awarded one of the first dozen licenses to open a retail marijuana shop in Connecticut.

State Department of Consumer Protection figures released Friday show that 8,357 applications were submitted before Wednesday's deadline for the first six licenses that are reserved for social equity applicants — those located in mostly urban and low-income areas that were disproportionately impacted by the government's war on drugs. The state received 7,245 license applications to the general lottery for adult-use cannabis retailers.

The first lottery for the social equity slots is expected within the next week. The winners will undergo an eligibility review before the general lottery is held, according to the department.

The state did not set a limit on how many applications one entity could submit, but under its rules will not give more than two licenses to any one applicant.

The department also received 1,896 applications to become micro-cultivators of marijuana, which will allow a licensee to grow in spaces between 2,000 and 10,000 square feet (3,048 meters). Other licenses will be available to sell medical marijuana, operate delivery services, make cannabis-infused food and beverages and other cannabis products, as well as package and transport products.

The recreational use of marijuana became legal in Connecticut last July, allowing residents over the age of 21 to legally possess up to 1.5 ounces (42.5 grams) of marijuana, or up to 5 ounces (142 grams) locked at home or in a vehicle's glove box or trunk. But retail recreational cannabis stores are not expected to begin operating in the state until late this year at the earliest.

# Budget bill closes hospital service suspension loophole

**By Katy Golvala**

CT Mirror

A measure included in this year's state budget bill seeks to stop hospital service cuts that advocates say circumvent state law.

In March 2020, Gov. Ned Lamont issued an executive order temporarily allowing hospitals to suspend services without going through the formal state approval process. The order was meant to allow hospitals to respond to the crushing demands of COVID.

That month, Prospect Medical Holdings, the parent company of Rockville Hospital, notified the state that it would suspend surgical services to free up more beds to treat COVID patients. The following month, Johnson Memorial did the same with its labor and delivery services, among others.

In May 2021, Lamont termi-

nated the COVID waiver. At that point, any hospital that suspended services under it should have resumed them. But neither Rockville nor Johnson Memorial did, and the services remain either partially or fully suspended to this day.

Neither company has applied for a certificate of need, which grants state approval of the closures, insisting that they are merely "suspensions" and that they have no intention to permanently close the units.

The 673-page budget bill contains two lines that define the "termination of services" at a hospital as "the cessation of services for over 180 days," directly addressing long-term suspensions that were previously difficult for the state to control.

"[Hospitals] were terminating services under a suspension," said

Rep. Kerry Wood, D-Newington, during House debate of the bill. "This clearly defines what a termination is. So now if [a unit] is closed for 180 days or more, you would have to go for a certificate of need."

In November 2021, Prospect requested an extension of the waiver to continue with the surgical suspension. The Office of Health Strategy denied it, instructing the hospital to either file a certificate of need or resume services. The company did neither, and OHS issued a \$118,000 fine. The company is appealing the fine.

According to public documents, the company resumed "certain services" in February 2022, meaning that Rockville Hospital operated for nearly two years without surgical services.

As for Trinity Health, the company sent a letter to OHS last November explaining that staff

ing challenges are preventing the reopening of labor and delivery at Johnson Memorial. Despite the hospital operating without birthing services for nearly two years, Trinity insisted that it does not plan to close the unit permanently, so it would not be pursuing a certificate of need.

The Office of Health Strategy opened an investigation into the suspension of labor and delivery at Johnson Memorial, which is now underway.

A spokesperson from Trinity Health stated that the company supports the legislature's effort "towards clarification regarding the certificate of need process." Prospect did not respond to request for comment.

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### POLICE BRIEFS

#### BRIDGEPORT

#### Child badly hurt in scooter accident

A young child was badly hurt Thursday while riding on the back of an electric scooter, Bridgeport police said.

Two detectives in a police car witnessed the accident about 6:40 p.m., police said Friday. While stopped at a traffic light, the detectives observed a group of people riding stand-up electric scooters on the sidewalk off Housatonic Avenue.

A 32-year-old woman operating a scooter with her 7-year-old child on the back tried to cross at Housatonic Avenue and Congress Street, lost control and crashed

into a metal pole, police said. The child suffered serious head trauma, while the female had minor injuries. Both were transported to Yale Bridgeport Hospital, police said.

The child was listed in stable condition Friday. Police said they are investigating the accident.

— Jesse Leavenworth

#### WALLINGFORD

#### Uber drivers warned after carjackings

Wallingford police on Friday urged Uber drivers to be cautious when picking up customers after two armed carjackings this week.

On Wednesday about 6:30 p.m., police responded to a reported

carjacking in the area of 179 South Turnpike Road. The Uber driver, who was not injured, said she had picked up a male passenger in another town who was wearing all black clothing and a black N95 facemask. The man showed a gun, ordered the victim out of the car, and then sped off in the gray 2018 Nissan Rogue with Connecticut plate AV56647, police said.

On Monday about 6 p.m., police responded to a reported carjacking in the area of 191 South Turnpike Road. The Uber driver, who was not injured, said he had picked up two passengers in another town. The men showed a handgun and forced the victim out of the car, then took off in the blue 2012 Honda Accord with Connecticut plate 2AUBH5,

police said.

Anyone who sees the stolen vehicles or has any information on the carjackings is asked to call the police at 203-294-2800.

— Jesse Leavenworth

#### EAST HARTFORD

#### Woman killed in crash on Route 2

A Hartford woman was killed late Thursday in a crash on Route 2 in East Hartford, state police said.

Wanda Figueroa, 25, of 10 Belden St., was pronounced dead at the scene off the eastbound side of the highway near Exit 5, police said.

The accident happened about

11:50 p.m. Figueroa was traveling on the right shoulder in a 2018 Jeep Compass next to a Glastonbury woman driving a 2020 Volvo Momentum.

For some unknown reason, Figueroa swerved into the right lane and sideswiped the Volvo, causing Figueroa to lose control and travel across the highway to the left, where the Jeep went through the metal guardrail and down an embankment, crashing into a large tree stump, police said.

The other driver was not hurt, police said. Police ask anyone with information on the crash to contact Trooper Michael Dean at 860-534-1098 or michael.dean@ct.gov.

— Jesse Leavenworth

# BUSINESS

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## Stock market posts 5th straight weekly decline

Latest pullback comes amid strong jobs report and Federal Reserve concerns

By Stan Choe and Alex Veiga

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — A turbulent week on Wall Street ended Friday with more losses and the stock market's fifth straight weekly decline.

The latest pullback came as investors balanced a strong U.S. jobs report against worries the Federal Reserve may cause a recession in its drive to halt inflation.

The S&P 500 ended with a loss of 0.6%, having come back from a 1.9% loss. Roughly 70% of the companies in the benchmark index fell.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.3%, while the Nasdaq slid 1.4%. Both indexes also pared some of their losses from earlier in the day.

Investors focused on new data Friday showing U.S. employers continue to hire rapidly, and workers are getting relatively big raises, though short of inflation. The market's reaction reflects concerns among investors that the strong numbers would keep the Fed on track for sharp and steady

increases in interest rates to corral inflation, analysts said.

Friday's choppy trading followed even wilder gyrations earlier this week, as all kinds of markets grapple with a new market order where the Federal Reserve is aggressively moving to yank supports for the economy put in place through the pandemic.

The Fed is hoping to raise rates and slow the economy enough to snuff out the highest inflation in four decades, but it risks choking off growth if it goes too far or too quickly. The Fed raised its key short-term interest rate this week by a half a percentage point, the largest such increase since 2000. It also said more increases of that size are likely on the way.

Stocks nevertheless zoomed higher Wednesday afternoon, after latching onto a sliver of hope from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's comments following the latest rate increase. He said the Fed was not "actively considering" an even bigger jump of 0.75 percentage points at its next meeting.

Jubilance was felt with the S&P 500 soaring 3% for its best day in nearly two years. It sobered up the next day, though, amid recognition that the Fed is still set to raise rates aggressively in its battle against inflation. The S&P 500 on Thursday lost all its prior day's gains, plus a bit more, in one of its worst days since the early 2020 slump caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

That may be why stocks faltered Friday, after data showed hiring is still strong and pressure remains high on companies to raise workers' pay.

"These data do not change the outlook for Fed policy; the rates trajectory remains upward in the near term," Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, wrote in a note.

Many factors driving inflation higher could linger well into 2022, said Sameer Samana, senior global market strategist at Wells Fargo Investment Institute. The latest swings in the markets could mean investors are getting closer to better adjusting for the Fed's aggressive policy shift, Samana said.

## UK's digital watchdog to push new online rules

Associated Press

**LONDON** — Big tech companies like Google and Facebook parent Meta would have to comply with tough British rules under a new digital watchdog aimed at giving consumers more choice online — or face the threat of big fines.

The United Kingdom government on Friday outlined the powers it's planning for its Digital Markets Unit, a regulator set up last year to take on the dominance of tech giants. It didn't specify when the rules would take effect, saying only that legislation would come "in due course."

Authorities in Britain and across Europe have been leading the global push to clamp down on tech companies amid rising concern about their outsized influence and harmful material proliferating on their platforms.

The new U.K. watchdog would enforce rules that make it easier for people to switch between iPhones and Android devices or between social media accounts without losing their data and messages.

The government's digital department said smartphone users would get a wider choice of search engines and more control over how their data is used. Tech companies would have to warn small companies doing business online about changes to algorithms that could affect their web traffic and revenue.

The watchdog also would get the power to solve pricing disputes between online platforms and news publishers to ensure media companies get paid fairly for their content, the government said.

Tech companies would face fines of up to 10% of their annual global revenue for breaking the rules, which for the biggest companies would amount to billions of dollars.

Google and Meta did not respond immediately to requests for comment.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## \$45K minimum for House aides

**WASHINGTON** — Addressing concerns about the working conditions for some Capitol Hill aides, Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced on Friday a \$45,000 minimum annual salary for House staff and teed up for a vote next week a resolution that would pave the way for aides to join a union.

While jobs on Capitol Hill are highly coveted and can lead to big salaries down the road, the work often involves grueling hours and low pay in a region where steep housing costs can leave little money for other necessities.

Lawmakers set the pay for their aides. The money comes from an allowance made available to each member to cover rent, equipment, salary and other expenses incurred in performing their official duties.

## Nvidia fined for cryptomining sales

**NEW YORK** — Nvidia, a major tech company that has expanded aggressively into gaming, will pay a \$5.5 million penalty for failing to disclose that cryptomining was a significant source of revenue growth from the sale of graphics processing units that were produced and marketed for gaming.

Cryptocurrencies are extremely volatile and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said Friday that the Santa Clara, California, company did not disclose to investors in 2018 the potential future risks of such sales. The company also agreed to a cease-and-desist order, the SEC said.

Nvidia did not admit or deny the SEC's findings, and declined to comment Friday. Cryptominers are compensated for verifying crypto transactions.



Shirley Hughes, owner of Sweet Cheats bakery in Atlanta, says she now works 80 to 90 hours each week. MIKE STEWART/AP

## Small businesses still struggle

Survey respondents cite lack of qualified workers as well as competition over pay, benefits

By Mae Anderson

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Some small businesses are still struggling to hire qualified workers, even as Americans return to the U.S. job market in droves.

Hiring and retaining employees remains the top challenge for small businesses, according to a survey of 1,100 businesses by Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Voices out last month. Ninety percent of businesses that are hiring are finding it difficult to recruit qualified candidates for open positions.

In general, the U.S. job market is sizzling.

An unexpectedly strong recovery from the brief but devastating coronavirus recession left companies scrambling to recall workers they had laid off in the spring of 2020 and to find new ones.

America's employers added 428,000 jobs in April, extending a streak of solid hiring that has defied punishing inflation, chronic supply shortages, the Russian war against Ukraine and much higher borrowing costs.

Friday's jobs report from the Labor Department showed that last month's hiring kept the unemployment rate at 3.6%, just above the lowest level in a half-century. Employers have added at least 400,000 jobs for 12 straight months.

But small-business owners believe the job market is a tale of two recoveries.

Eighty-eight percent of respondents in the Goldman Sachs survey say small businesses are struggling relative to larger companies in their local communities. Forty-two percent say they have lost employees to larger businesses that are paying more.

"Small businesses are struggling to compete with larger employers on pay and benefits and cite a lack of qualified workers," said Joe Wall, National Director of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Voices.

Data from payrolls processing firm ADP show a widening gap in hiring between businesses with 500 or more employees and businesses with less than 50 staffers. Those smaller businesses have lost jobs in three of the past four months.

The U.S. now has two job openings for every unemployed person. But a large number of smaller businesses say they're having trouble getting candidates to even

apply for openings, particularly in the hard-hit leisure and hospitality industry.

"I'm worried about burnout. It's frustrating, very frustrating," said Shirley Hughes, owner of Sweet Cheats bakery in Atlanta.

Sweet Cheats had nine staffers at the pre-pandemic peak. Now Hughes has two plus herself. She's curtailed business hours — closing time has gone from 8:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and now 4 p.m. — giving her and two bakers more time in the kitchen.

Still, Hughes says she now works 80 to 90 hours a week.

Inflation is another challenge.

Higher expenses not only hurt businesses' bottom lines, but also affect how well they can retain and attract workers. Before the pandemic, Hughes would get hundreds of applicants for openings.

Now, she says she's lucky to get one or two, and they tend to want \$18 or \$20 an hour, when she offers \$14 or \$15 for experienced bakers.

Hughes has had to add benefits for her two longtime staffers to hang onto them.

While most major U.S. industries have regained the jobs lost to the pandemic, employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 1.5 million, or 8.7%, since February 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Tesla to cover cost of workers' abortion travel

Associated Press

Tesla is covering travel costs for employees seeking out-of-state abortions, joining the ranks of major companies who've introduced a similar policy to benefit workers affected by new restrictions in the past few months.

The company said in its 2021 "Impact Report" released Friday that it expanded its Safety Net program and health insurance offerings last year to include "travel and lodging support for those who may need to seek healthcare services that are unavailable in their home state."

The carmaker officially moved its corporate headquarters last year from Silicon Valley to Texas, which passed a law banning

abortions at roughly six weeks of pregnancy.

Other states have since introduced new restrictions, and a political firestorm was set off this week with the leaked draft of a Supreme Court opinion that would abolish a nationwide right to an abortion.

Following the leak, a few companies issued statements supporting abortion rights but stopped short of taking further action themselves.

Many others have remained quiet. They include Netflix, PayPal, Microsoft, Patagonia, Target, Walmart and Apple.

Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers are taking aim at corporations offering to help women seeking abortions in states with less restrictive laws.

Texas State Representative Briscoe Cain, a Republican, has said he would propose legislation barring local governments in the state from doing business with any company that provides travel benefits for employees seeking abortions.

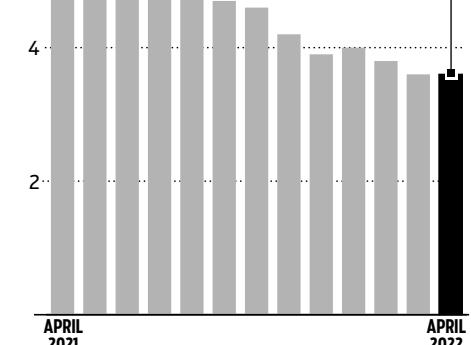
Nationally, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio introduced a bill on Wednesday that would prohibit companies from claiming tax deductions for such costs.

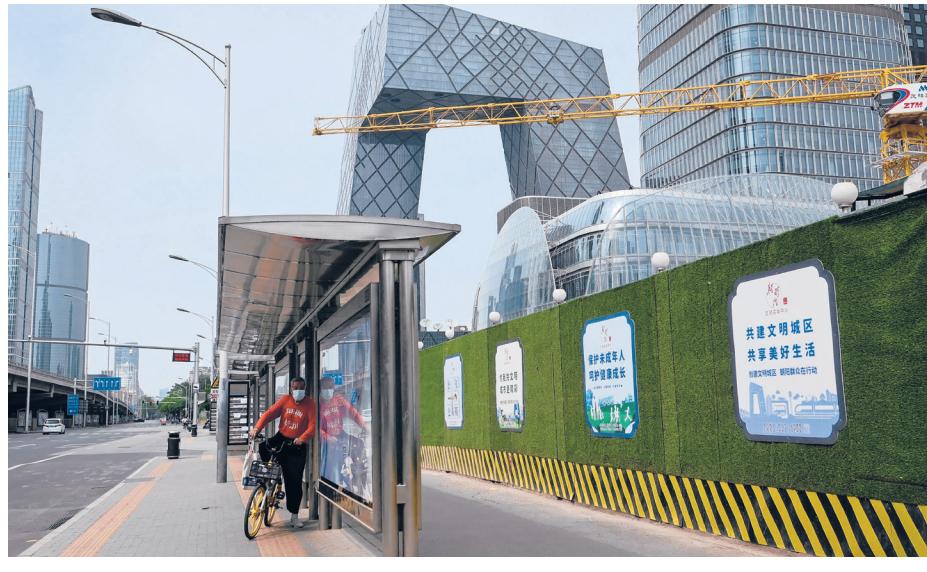
Tesla Inc. CEO Elon Musk did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

But Musk tweeted in September that he believes "government should rarely impose its will upon the people, and, when doing so, should aspire to maximize their cumulative happiness. That said, I would prefer to stay out of politics."

### Jobless rate

Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted



**BUSINESS**

Stringent COVID-19 lockdowns in parts of China have left millions unable to work. Above, a man sits on a bike Thursday in a central business district in Beijing. JADE GAO/GETTY-AFP

## COVID-19 lockdowns leave workers in China locked out

**By Vivian Wang**  
The New York Times

After more than a month in lockdown, Zeng Jialin could finally return to the Shanghai auto parts factory where he had worked. He was about to be released from a quarantine facility, having recovered from COVID-19, and was desperate to make up wages he had missed.

But on the day he was supposed to be released, someone in the isolation facility tested positive again.

Zeng, 48, was ordered to wait 14 more days.

"I have three kids, in college, middle school and elementary school. "The pressure is huge," he said in a phone interview. Much of his \$30 daily wage had supported them. "I also owe money to the bank, so I'm very anxious."

As China battles its worst coronavirus outbreaks, its determination to eliminate infections has left millions unable to work. Stringent lockdowns have forced factories and businesses to shut, including in some of the country's most important economic centers. Only Hong Kong and Beijing

have started to ease restrictions.

Two groups have been especially hard-hit: migrant workers — the roughly 280 million laborers who travel from rural areas to cities to work in sectors such as manufacturing and construction — and college graduates. Nearly 11 million college students are expected to graduate this year.

China's campaign against the virus has rippled around the world, snarling supply chains and dampening imports.

But employment woes may concern Chinese leaders, who have long derived much of their political authority from their promise of economic prosperity. As lockdowns have hampered people's ability to pay rent and buy food, many have grown increasingly frustrated with the authorities' zero-COVID policies.

Sometimes, dissatisfaction has erupted into rare public protests. China's No. 2 official, Li Keqiang, announced recently that the government would distribute living allowances to unemployed migrant workers and

subsidize companies that hired young people.

It is difficult to judge the scale of the problem. Officially, urban unemployment, the government's primary indicator, grew 0.3% between February and March, even as lockdowns paralyzed the economic engines of Shenzhen and Shanghai.

But the official jobless figures are considered an undercount. They do not capture many migrant workers, and only count people as unemployed if they are able to start working within two weeks. That would exclude people under extended lockdowns or young people deferring job searches.

The government's new support measures suggest the problem is more serious than officials have let on, said Stephen Roach, the former chair of Morgan Stanley Asia, now a senior fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University.

"The announcement itself is a hint that there is potentially something a lot bigger going on in this contingent piece of the labor market," he said.

## Fed's interest rate hike likely to hinder foreign economies

**By Paul Wiseman**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Federal Reserve raises interest rates — as it did this week — the impact doesn't stop with U.S. homebuyers paying more for mortgages or Main Street business owners facing costlier bank loans.

The fallout can be felt beyond America's borders, hitting shopkeepers in Sri Lanka, farmers in Mozambique and families in poorer countries around the world. The impacts abroad range from higher borrowing costs to depreciating currencies.

"It will put pressure on all types of developing countries," said Eric LeCompte, executive director of the Jubilee USA Network, a coalition of groups seeking to reduce global poverty.

The managing director of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva,

was worried enough last month to warn the Fed and other rate-hiking central banks to stay "mindful of the spillover risks to vulnerable emerging and developing economies."

Citing the harsher financial conditions, the IMF recently downgraded the outlook for economic growth this year in developing and emerging market countries to 3.8%, a full percentage point below what it forecast in January.

The Fed on Wednesday raised its benchmark short-term rate by half a percentage point to its highest level since the pandemic hit two years ago, and signaled that more rate hikes will come.

The U.S. rate hikes can deliver long-distance damage in a number of ways. First, they could slow the American economy and reduce U.S. consumers' appetite for foreign goods.

They also affect global investment: As rates rise



When the Fed raises interest rates, the impact can be felt by those in poorer countries, such as this coffee plantation worker in Mozambique. TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/AP 2019

in the U.S., safer American government and corporate bonds start looking more attractive to global investors. So they might pull money out of poor and middle-income countries and invest it in the United States. Those shifts drive up the U.S. dollar and push down currencies in the developing world.

Falling currencies make it more expensive to pay for imported food and other products, especially worrisome as supply chain bottlenecks and the war in Ukraine have already disrupted shipments of grain and fertilizer and pushed up food prices worldwide.

To defend their sinking currencies, central banks in developing countries are likely to raise their own rates. That can cause economic damage: It slows growth, wipes out jobs and squeezes business borrowers. It also forces indebted governments to spend more of their budgets on interest payments and less on things like fighting COVID-19 and feeding the poor.

The Fed is hoping to pull off a so-called soft landing — raising rates just enough to slow the economy and bring inflation under control but not enough to tip the U.S. economy into another

recession.

The Fed does not have an impressive record of soft landings. The last one came in the mid-1990s, an episode that ended unhappily for many developing countries.

"The U.S. was able to manage inflation well and avoid recession," said Lilianna Rojas-Suarez, senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, "but at the same time created huge spillovers for emerging markets."

What followed was a series of financial crises — in Mexico, in Russia and eventually across much of Asia.

Robin Brooks, chief economist at the Institute of International Finance, notes that many emerging market countries are in a much stronger financial position than they were back then. For one thing, many have beefed up their foreign currency reserves, which central banks can use to buy and support their countries' currencies or meet foreign debt payments in a crisis.

But some countries remain vulnerable to financial shocks. Among them are those that rely heavily on imported oil and other commodities and that have low reserves compared to what they owe other countries.

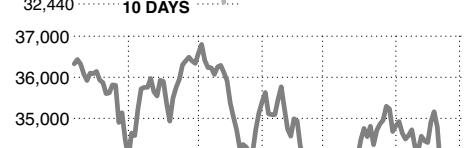
## MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, May 7, 2022

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**10-YR T-BOND**  
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Crude Oil (bbl)	109.77	108.26	+45.95%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.04	8.78	+115.63%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.76	3.66	+68.69%
METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,881.20	1,874.00	+2.94%
Silver (oz)	22.33	22.40	-4.30%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

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# LIVING

[WWW.COURANT.COM/FEATURES](http://WWW.COURANT.COM/FEATURES)



"Saturday Night Live" veteran Vanessa Bayer, who is seen April 23 in New York, stars in the new Showtime comedy "I Love That for You." SABRINA SANTIAGO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

By Alexis Soloski  
The New York Times

According to Vanessa Bayer, being diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia as a 15-year-old wasn't all bad.

It got her out of gym class. The attendance lady at her high school never marked her as tardy. She told a boy she didn't like that she couldn't be his date for the homecoming dance because she had chemo that weekend. (She didn't.) Her father talked his way out of a speeding ticket by using her illness as an excuse, a tactic he referred to as "dropping the L-bomb."

Bayer survived the L-bomb. The experience didn't change her, she said, but it did intensify characteristics that were already inherent — determination, resilience, a borderline delusional sense of optimism. Who receives a diagnosis of cancer and accentuates the positive? Bayer does.

"I was always a person who loved attention," Bayer said. "This allowed me to get so much attention."

Bayer is getting attention now. Showtime recently premiered the first episode of "I Love That for You," a sitcom that draws on Bayer's pediatric cancer and her longtime obsession with home shopping shows. She stars as Joanna Gold, a sheltered young woman and leukemia

## Uplifting jokes

Humor became Vanessa Bayer's coping mechanism after childhood cancer diagnosis, and she adds more jokes revisiting that past in sitcom

survivor who auditions to become the newest host on the Special Value Network. Nearly fired after her disastrous first hour on camera, she saves her job by telling colleagues her cancer has returned. (It hasn't.)

Playing Joanna isn't cathartic for Bayer — she doesn't seem to need catharsis — but it does offer her a chance to work through her past, this time with even more jokes. "It's really nice to be able to have some distance from that time and to be able to laugh at it even more," she said.

Bayer grew up in a Reform Jewish family in the suburbs of Cleveland. A star student and a cross-country runner, she decided she wouldn't let her illness mess with her GPA, even when teachers said she could coast.

"It lit this fire under me," she said. "It was important to me that everybody saw me as someone who wasn't weak."

Diagnosed in the spring of her freshman year, she

spent time in the hospital, then in outpatient treatment, completing chemotherapy just before her senior year. She graduated on time. As prom queen.

She first performed comedy as a member of Bloomers, an all-female troupe at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation, she moved to Chicago and studied and performed at various improv theaters, which eventually led to a spot on "Saturday Night Live" in 2010. There she created characters such as Jacob the Bar Mitzvah Boy and Dawn Lazarus, an anxious meteorologist. But long before she got paid for it, Bayer had relied on jokes as a coping mechanism.

"I had to use humor to make everyone, including myself, feel OK," she said of her time in treatment. Here comes that optimism again: "I also think it made me funnier."

In a recent interview, Bayer radiated positivity. In high school, she was voted Most Likely to

Succeed. Most Likely to Bake a Mean Casserole — would have tracked, too — even sitting in Manhattan, she emanated Midwestern normalcy and niceness.

"She almost doesn't seem like an actress," said Molly Shannon, an "SNL" veteran who now co-stars opposite Bayer as SVN's superstar host. "She's very steady and calm and grounded."

Comedian Aidy Bryant, who worked with Bayer in Chicago before they both found their way to "SNL," said Bayer had a way of turning that mildness into a strike force. "Vanessa has a real reserved, polite, wonderfully Midwestern energy," she said. "Then she hits with a punchline or a funny reaction or her truly incredible smile, which she can weaponize as a force of pain."

"SNL" has a famously punishing schedule. But Jeremy Beiler, a former "SNL" writer, noted how Bayer met the stresses of the job with buoyancy. "She only looks in one direction,"

he said. "It's only forward."

In 2017, after seven seasons on "SNL," Bayer moved on. Another comedian might have worried about what would come next. Unsurprisingly, Bayer stayed positive. "My attitude is just that stuff kind of works out," she said. And it did work out, more or less, with guest spots, voice work, supporting roles in a few movies.

As she was leaving "SNL," her management team asked her about dream projects, and her mind somehow flashed on home shopping TV. She watched the channels often as a child, and loved the elegance of the hosts and the ways they would spin seemingly extemporaneous stories in their attempts to entice buyers.

She described the hosts' particular rhythms and vocabulary as "the first foreign language I ever learned," and the network most likely provided her first taste of improv, too.

A few months later, over

brunch, Beiler mentioned that he had, by coincidence, begun a series pilot set in the world of home shopping. They began to collaborate, even arranging a field trip to QVC's headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania, where they met with two hosts, Jane Treacy and Mary Beth Roe, whom Bayer had idolized as a child, and also managed to score some free soft pretzels. (Everyone interviewed mentioned Bayer's enthusiasm for snacks, and most of them mentioned her gift for scamming her way into free ones.) In the gift shop, they bought matching QVC mugs.

Back at work, with Jessi Klein as showrunner, they began building a back story for Bayer's character, Joanna, that would give her stakes and drive. They decided to borrow from Bayer's own story, particularly her diagnosis and treatment and how those years of chemo and radiation stunted her emotional growth for a while.

There are many stories about illness. (Admittedly, there are fewer of them set in the world of home shopping.) But this is one — with its snacks and its sunniness and its hero's determination to exploit her fake diagnosis for all she can — that seemingly only Bayer can tell.

"I always wanted to do something about when I was sick," she said. "Specifically, the fun I had."

### TV REVIEW

## Elisabeth Moss hunts down a time-traveling serial killer

By Nina Metz  
Chicago Tribune

The Great Chicago Flood of 1992 submerged the Loop in 124 million gallons of water from the river when an abandoned subterranean tunnel was breached during repairs to one of the bridges downtown. The psychological thriller "Shining Girls" on Apple TV+ may be fiction, but it takes this moment in history as its starting point: It's the spring of 1992, and the flood has unexpectedly led to the discovery of a woman's mutilated corpse.

The markings on her body are similar to the scars left on the body of Kirby Mazrachi (Elisabeth Moss), who works at the Chicago Sun-Times in the paper's morgue. It's a department that doesn't exist in most newsrooms anymore, but was once the backbone of most papers, staffed by journalists who would assist reporters by tracking down research and past news coverage.

In "Shining Girls," adapted from the novel by Lauren Beukes, Kirby's still reeling from that scar-making attack from years ago, numb and dissociated from what's happening around her. When one of her colleagues, a reporter named Dan, starts working on the story about the dead woman from the tunnel, they team up and begin to piece together a theory: That the same man who attacked Kirby (a cipher played by Jamie Bell) has committed this crime many times over — and across different time periods.

Kirby's hold on reality often feels tenuous, which complicates things further; she blinks and certain details of her life are noticeably different. Suddenly her desk at work is in a different spot. Suddenly her dog is a cat. Suddenly she's married to that nice photographer at the paper who she barely knows. What is going on and why has she been sucked into a vortex of dueling timelines?



Wagner Moura as Dan and Elisabeth Moss as Kirby team up to hunt down a serial killer.

BETH DUBBER/APPLE TV+

Kirby. But if you asked me to describe the other characters who pop up — her mother (Amy Brenneman), her husband/acquaintance from work (Chris Chalk), the woman whose fate might be tied to Kirby's (Phillipa Soo) — I'd come up empty. They're pieces on a chessboard. Maybe that's the point; with all the timeline messiness, often these people feel like strangers to Kirby, too. But you never get a sense of the story's internal logic. The whole thing feels undercooked and overcomplicated. But despite the wild swings of the story, the series tends to feel tonally monotonous and can't sustain a sense of tension over its eight episodes.

In the book, the killer is

compelled by the forces of a supernatural house to

snuff out young women who shine too bright, hence the title. It's a boringly reductive premise, but his motive in the screen adaptation remains murky. Is that better or worse? Either way, too many threads are left dangling or unexplained. You never get that satisfying feeling of everything clicking into place.

Where to watch: Apple TV+

**CELEBRITIES****Bob Dylan museum opening in Tulsa**

From news services

Elvis Costello, Patti Smith and Mavis Staples will be among the dignitaries expected in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this weekend for the opening of the Bob Dylan Center, the museum and archive celebrating the Nobel laureate's work.

Dylan himself won't be among them, unless he surprises everyone.

The center's subject and namesake has an open invitation to come anytime, although his absence seems perfectly in character, said Steven Jenkins, the center's director.

The center offers an immersive film experience, performance space, a studio where visitors can play producer and "mix" different elements of instrumentation in Dylan's songs and a curated tour where people can take a musical journey through the stages of his career. The archive has more than 100,000 items, many accessed only by scholars through appointment.

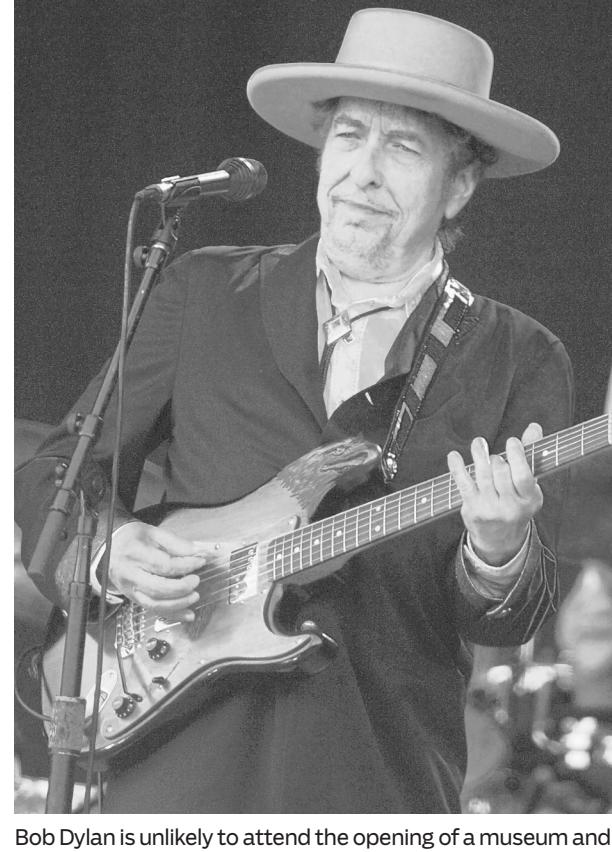
Dylan sold his archive in 2016 to the Tulsa-based George Kaiser Family Foundation, which also operates the Woody Guthrie Center.

Dylan, 80, designed and built a 16-foot-high metal sculpture that will be displayed at the museum entrance. Otherwise, he had nothing to do with the museum's design and declined to offer a comment about the opening.

In addition to a dinner to celebrate the opening this weekend, Costello, Smith and Staples will perform separate concerts at Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa.

Costello was asked to program a jukebox that will be on display at the museum and, within a day, submitted his suggestions for 160 Dylan songs and covers, Jenkins said.

The Bob Dylan Center opens to the public May 10.



Bob Dylan is unlikely to attend the opening of a museum and archive celebrating his work. **FRED TANNEAU/GETTY-AFP 2012**

**Castro wins big at Blues Music Awards:** Guitarist and singer Tommy Castro won in three top categories, including entertainer of the year, at the Blues Music Awards in Memphis, Tennessee. The Blues Foundation held the annual ceremony honoring the year's best blues musicians on Thursday.

Castro won the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year award, along with top honors for album of the year for "Tommy Castro Presents a Bluesman Came to Town," and band of the year, with The Painkillers.

Selwyn Birchwood won song of the year for "I'd Climb Mountains," Vanessa Collier won in the contemporary blues female artist category, and Christone "Kingfish" Ingram won the award for contemporary blues male artist. Other winners include Taj Mahal, Keb' Mo', Sue Foley and Annika Chambers.

**No charges in shooting at DaBaby's house:** No charges will be filed in a shooting at the North Carolina home of rapper DaBaby, police said Thursday. Troutman police said on social media that the investigation into the April 13 shooting has been completed. DaBaby and at least one other person were at the home when the shooting happened, Troutman Police Chief Josh Watson said at the time. But Watson wouldn't say who was shot or who did the shooting.

**May 7 birthdays:** Singer Thelma Houston is 76. Singer Bill Danoff is 76. Drummer Bill Kreutzmann is 76. Director Amy Heckerling is 68. Actor Traci Lords is 54. Actor Breckin Meyer is 48. Actor Morocco Omari is 47. Comedian Aidy Bryant is 35. Actor Alexander Ludwig is 30. Actor Dylan Gelula is 28.

**ASK AMY****By Amy Dickinson**

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**In-laws ignore request to end gift exchange**

**Dear Amy:** After many years of exchanging gifts with my brother-in-law and his wife, my husband and I decided we didn't want to do it anymore.

We are trying to get rid of things. We have too much stuff!

The gifts were getting more extravagant and some we didn't even like or use (and gifts we had given them ended up in their garage sale, so this was mutual).

After politely telling them we no longer wanted to exchange gifts for holidays or birthdays, they ignored our request.

The first year, we were given Christmas presents and had nothing for them. I was embarrassed and reiterated that we didn't want to do this anymore and that their gifts made me uncomfortable.

The next time my birthday gift arrived with a card that said it was from their dog, so technically it wasn't from them. Ha-ha.

And still it continues. I even stopped writing thank-you notes.

How should we handle this?

— Not Gifted

**Dear Not:** The negative spin on this is that your in-laws are being deliberately disrespectful.

Another way to see this is that they are as filled with anxiety about gift-giving as you are about receiving — and they can't seem to find a way to stop.

The clue that they have received and understand your message and intent — but may not be able to stop themselves — is when they sent a gift "from" their dog. That's just sad.

Because your very

reasonable and direct communication has not been respected, you might get some headway by giving them a specific directive: "We understand your desire to be generous gift givers, even though as we've said, we really don't want to continue to receive. So, in the future, can we ask you to direct your giving to (a favorite local charity) on our behalf? That would mean a lot to us."

If — despite all this — you continue to receive material gifts, very quickly donate them and ... let it go.

**Dear Amy:** My kids are now in their 40s and have children of their own.

In the past, I've enjoyed selecting "just the right gift" for each grandchild and mailing it. I liked to visualize delight in the child's eyes receiving a wrapped gift in the mail from their grandparents.

On occasion, we'll get a thank-you note back, but more often than not — nothing.

Before Christmas last year, we received a formal letter telling us that their child "doesn't need any more of your toys and clothes." This letter demanded instead that we send money directly to the child's new bank account. Deposit slips were enclosed.

We were shocked. While perhaps they should get points for being practical, the kids are very young, and I find this directive offensive. What to do?

— Grandma in AZ

**Dear Grandma:** This letter regarding your gift-giving was particularly cold and unkind.

That having been said, many young and prosperous families do complain about their children receiving an overabundance of gifts.

You might choose to accept their directive, with a slight twist.

You could let this family know that for future gift-giving occasions, you will send the child a card, and if you choose to give money to the child, you will place the funds into an account that you will set up, turning the money over at some future date.

I hope you will turn your material generosity toward children who really value it, donating gifts to your local "Toys for Tots" campaign, or your local children's hospital's holiday appeal.

**Dear Amy:** "Dreamer" was dreaming about contacting her first love.

My advice? Let it go. Get help and get past it. Nothing good will come of it and the repercussions will last a lifetime.

After 22 happy years, my husband and I hit a rough patch and I had an emotional affair with my first love — my high school boyfriend. It broke something in our marriage. Five years later, my husband had an affair.

It ruined our marriage and our business, wounded our daughter deeply, and our son is still a mess.

— Regret it Daily

**Dear Regret It:** What a tough lesson. I'm sorry.

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**MUSIC REVIEWS****Band offers serious tonic of songs**

Due to the group's name, good-timey tempos and comically frantic vocals, Old Crow Medicine Show can be mistaken for a hee-hawing string band not to be taken seriously. All of which makes the new album from the group based in Nashville, Tennessee, deceptive in its delights.

"Paint This Town" is indeed a party starter, but there are also powerful songs about racism, drugs, the abolitionist movement, environmental degradation and the Mississippi flag. Versatile frontman Ketch Secor's distinctive delivery fits the material, whether his approach is crazed, comedic or conscientious. It turns out Secor can sound a lot like Joe Strummer, and some of the subject matter is Clash-worthy.

"Paintkiller" captures the desperation of addiction, and "Used To Be a Mountain" turns angry as it describes an abused landscape. "DeFord Rides Again," sung by drummer Jerry Pentecost, pays tribute to pioneering but long-forgotten Black country music artist DeFord Bailey.

While the band delivers those tunes at a furious pace, "New Mississippi Flag" is a bold ballad that movingly summarizes the state's complicated history in three minutes as it recalls "rattling chains" and those "who died on the road to change."

Old Crow does find time for fun. Secor is delightfully hammy singing about divorce on "Bombs Away," and the album opens and closes with joyful foot-stompers. This medicine show's passion and energy are a potent tonic, especially on songs about right and wrong. — Steven Wine, Associated Press

**There's a sense of urgency in the lyrics of "A Walk Around the Sun," a**



**'Paint This Town'**  
Old Crow Medicine Show  
(ATO Records)

hidden gem of a country-American project by a singer-songwriter known previously as the singer in a brassy French Quarter busker band called Tuba Skinny.

It starts to make sense when you know her back story. Erika Lewis learned in 2020 that she needed surgery that had the potential to damage her vocal cords. A friend urged the singer to record some songs she'd been working on before she had the operation. Things ended happily when the surgery went well, her voice intact.

The album she recorded in the meantime is a revelation. The 11 songs Lewis wrote soar not just on the loveliness of her voice but on the emotional intensity of meditations on lost love and the preciousness of time.

The songs range in style from pure helpings of country in the manner of Patsy Cline to songs with more drive that still manage to be calming. In the adventurously melodic "Wild Thing," for example, Lewis works territory that calls the best work of Chris Isaak to mind.

On "Thief and a Liar," she warbles beautifully in the style Cline made famous, and on "Love Song," a somber fiddle leads her through a heart-breaking take on lost love so vivid that you feel like you are hovering overhead as she sits on the levee drinking alone.



**'A Walk Around the Sun'**  
Erika Lewis (Independent)

"Mighty Mississippi bring my heart back to me," Lewis sings. "Say a little prayer and don't float out to sea."

It's that kind of aching urgency that animates an album composed and put together in the face of doubts about whether she'd sing again. It's music that's built to last. — Scott Stroud, Associated Press

**J. Spaceman has delivered** another masterpiece. The multitalented musician (whose real name is Jason Pierce) is operating at the height of his space-rock powers on "Everything Was Beautiful."

It's a gorgeous and moving suite of orchestral pop, towering rock and intergalactic sounds, sewn together in furious yet meticulous fashion by the always adventurous Space-man and his fellow musical travelers in the band Spirituality.

The new album — Spiritualized's ninth overall — is overflowing with wildness and wonder, tension and turmoil, and every song seems to evoke new emotions and feelings. It's the rare record that changes course on a regular basis and yet still manages to come across as totally coherent.

"Everything Was Beautiful" should be considered an early frontrunner for best album of 2022. — Jim Harrington, Bay Area News Group

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):**

Making money might be a goal of yours, but impulsive risks could overdraw your bank account. Take extra time to look inward and confirm that your judgment is not clouded. If your plan is right for you, this clarity can help you move forward confidently.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):**

You may feel driven to connect with your friends today. You can push past any fatigue, but it's not your most satisfying possibility! Instead, look at options for meeting all your needs at once. A cozy movie night at home could give you both social contact and calm.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):**

Words have immense power today. You've got the force to convey something important, especially in your career. If you've done all you can in your current position, someone in your network might be aware of a professional opportunity, so let them know you're looking.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):**

Eventually you must take action on your own. Friends could motivate you to get out of your comfort zone. Though you appreciate the social connection, you might need to step back and think your own thoughts. Only you can determine the direction of your life.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

Associated Press

**On May 7, 1889,** the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore opened its doors.

**In 1915,** a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the British liner RMS Lusitania, killing 1,198 people.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):**

Working together could seem like the most effective way to realize your ambitions now. If a significant collaboration has been brewing, you might be ready to make an announcement. Making an effort to recognize the contributions of who you're involved with may help things.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

Someone you're involved with could be influencing you. Even if they have valid points, remember that your opinions are just as important. Take a moment to examine how your thoughts have intermingled. You may be rewarded with a clearer goal you'd like to pursue.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

You achieve a shared goal with someone else today. Knowing you're not in it alone may motivate you to work harder than ever. A relationship that's founded on common beliefs is especially likely to succeed. When you can strengthen your bond and pursue your goals, that's multitasking!

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22):**

Tension between you and someone close may call for a fun outlet today. Doing something active together could get you out of your shared routine enough to shift your perspective. Perhaps you'll find that boredom contributed to your problems more than you thought.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):**

Asking assertively for what you want can go well today, as it's apparent that you're willing to put in the work to get it. Though you might fear that others will perceive you as tooting your own horn, you're more likely to be seen as doing what's necessary to make it happen.

**In 1941,** Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

**In 1945,** Germany signed an unconditional surrender in France, ending its role in World War II.

**In 1954,** the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**

You have a passion for shaping your surroundings to match your standards today. That said, you might want to discuss your ideas with others involved. While your general plan for the project is probably pretty good, a little bit of collaboration could help you really refine the details.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

Seeking out a debate just to entertain yourself may be tempting today. However, you might be drawn to issues that are on the intense side, so there's a risk of others taking something personally. If you don't want drama, direct your energy toward your responsibilities.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

Focusing on pursuing the resources you need to feel secure today isn't a bad thing. Though you may be willing to work with intensity, you can also work with intelligence by patiently explaining your case to others. A joint effort might even bring you all closer together, so reach out!

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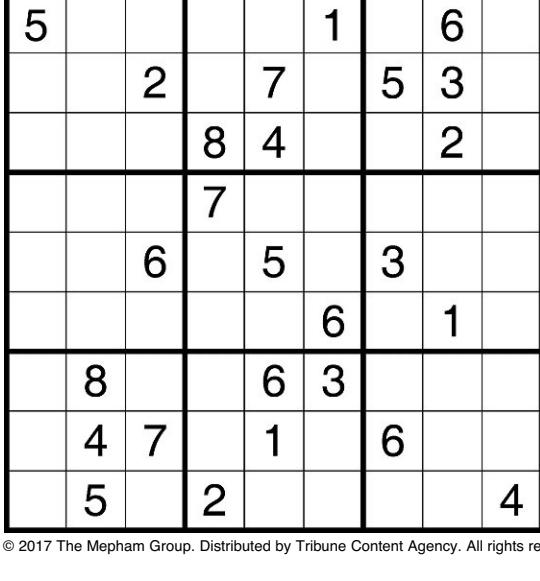
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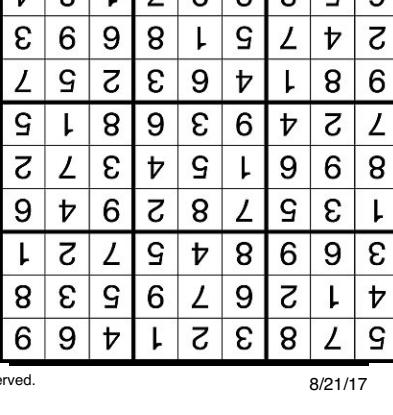
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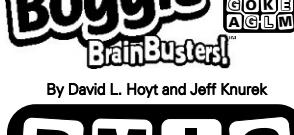
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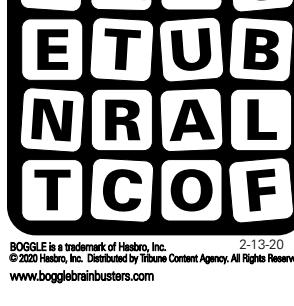


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## BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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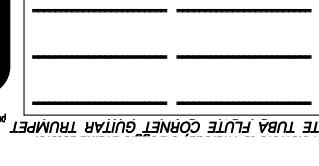
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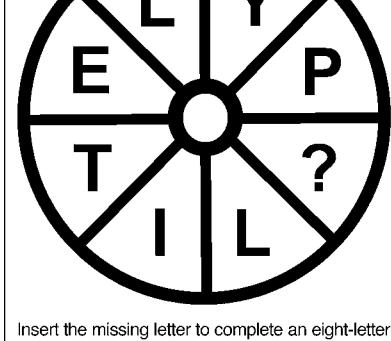


LEVEL THREE

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## WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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## WORD SEARCH

### CARS APART

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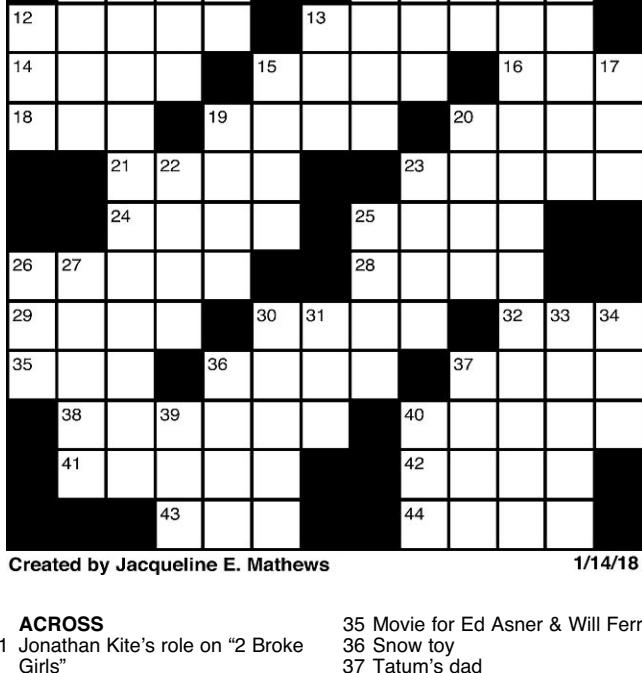


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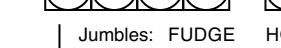


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Jumbles: FUDGE HOBBY BOTTOM ADMIRE

Answer: The cow was late for the big get-together because she hadn't — "HERD" ABOUT IT

## ACROSS

- 1 Jonathan Kite's role on "2 Broke Girls"
- 5 "Please Don't \_\_\_ the Daisies"
- 8 Dull speaker
- 9 "Lady and the \_\_\_"
- 12 "Night \_\_\_"; Harry Anderson sitcom
- 13 Moore of "S.W.A.T."
- 14 Luau garlands
- 15 Actor John \_\_\_
- 16 Curved edge
- 18 \_\_\_ Indianapolis: Men of Courage", Nicolas Cage film
- 19 \_\_\_ over; faint
- 20 Actor on "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 21 "Let's Make a \_\_\_"
- 23 Expressed disapproval
- 24 Actress and dancer \_\_\_ Lee
- 25 Actor Sean
- 26 \_\_\_ board; nail file
- 28 "Star Wars: Episode IV - Hope"; action film sequel
- 29 Cello player Ma
- 30 Mayberry's jailbird
- 32 "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 35 Movie for Ed Asner & Will Ferrell
- 36 Snow toy
- 37 Tatum's dad
- 38 \_\_\_ Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"; Mike Myers film
- 40 Eric \_\_\_; role on "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- 41 Q's followers
- 42 Heche or Meara
- 43 90 degrees from NNW
- 44 Actress Harper

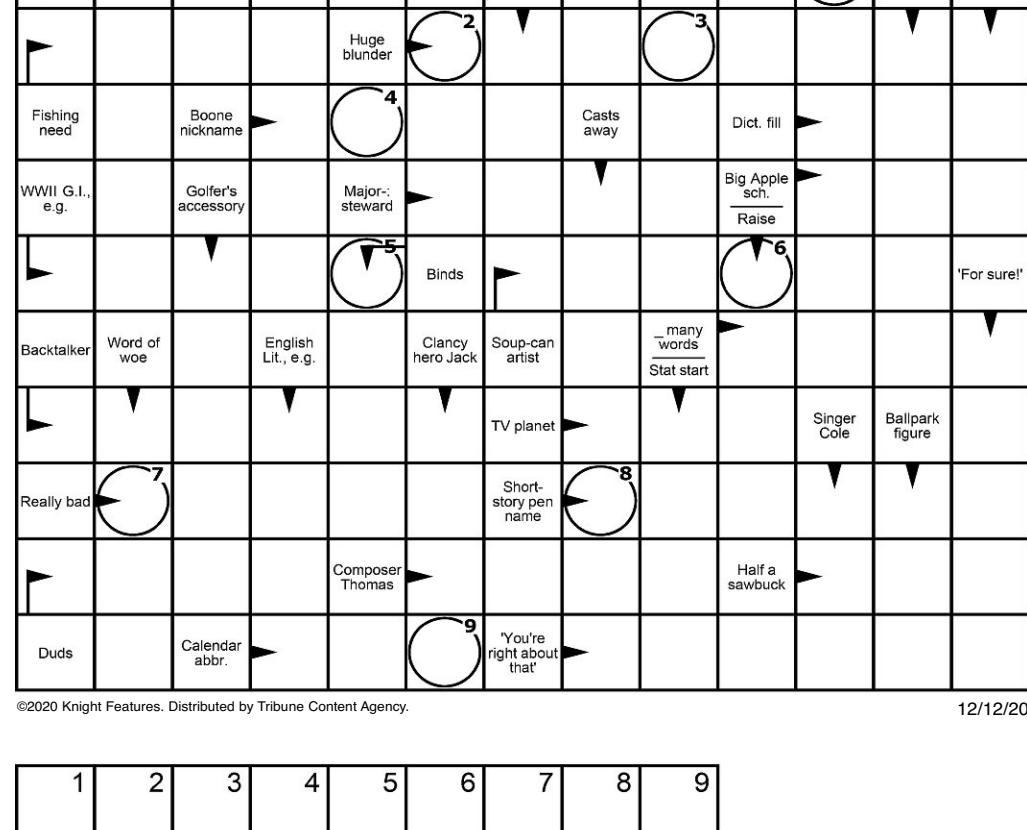
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- 1 Woodwind instruments
- 2 Actress Julia \_\_\_
- 3 Makes a boo-booo
- 4 "How to \_\_\_ Away with Murder"
- 5 Lucy's landlady
- 6 Rectangle's length times width
- 7 Bagpiper's cap
- 10 Star of a sitcom that premiered in Fall 2017
- 11 \_\_\_ & Prejudice"; Keira Knightley movie
- 12 Actor \_\_\_ Gulager
- 13 "Murder, \_\_\_ Wrote"
- 15 Actress Ward
- 17 \_\_\_ About You"
- 19 Mixon of "American Housewife"
- 20 Top rating
- 22 Lira replacer
- 23 Stein and Stiller
- 25 \_\_\_ for; bought
- 26 "Eagle \_\_\_"; Shia LaBeouf movie
- 27 Back tooth
- 30 Popeye's love
- 31 \_\_\_ Days in the Valley"
- 33 Evans and Robertson
- 34 \_\_\_ Day at a Time"
- 36 Astonish
- 37 Actress Russo
- 39 Sault \_\_\_ Marie
- 40 \_\_\_ Masterson"

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## ARROW WORDS

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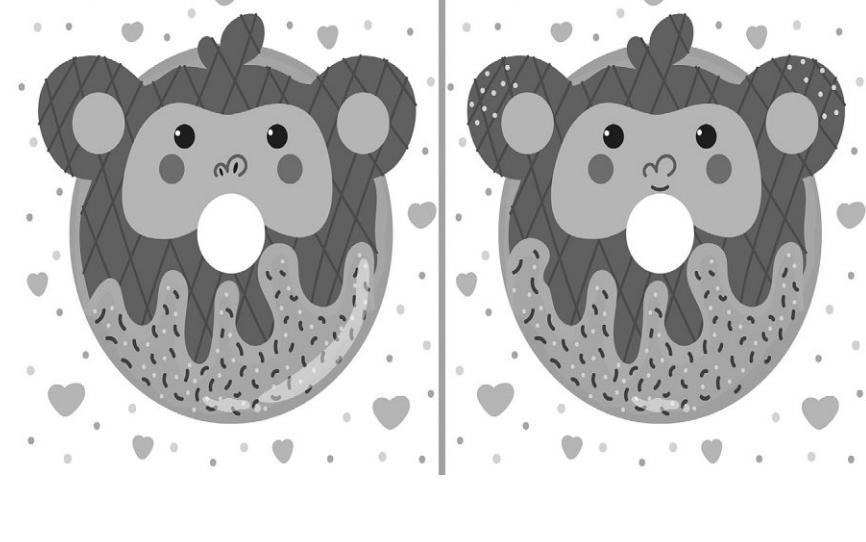
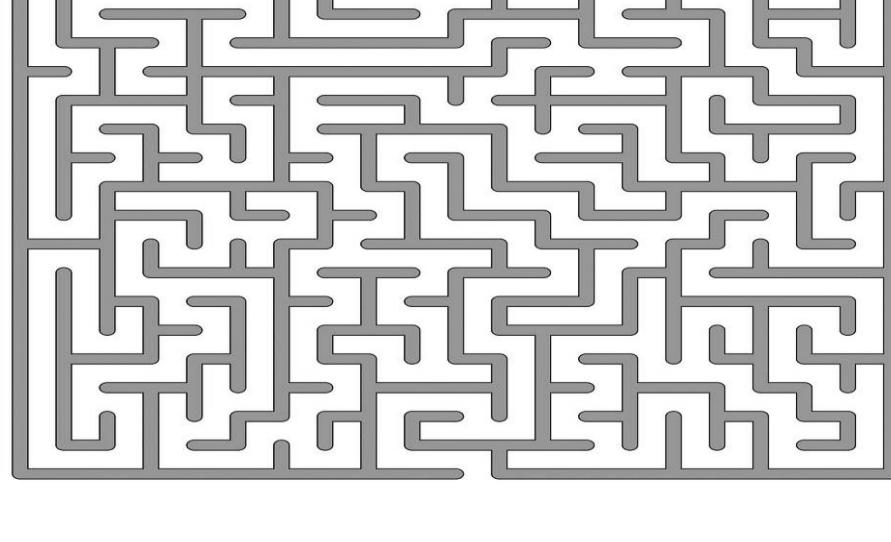


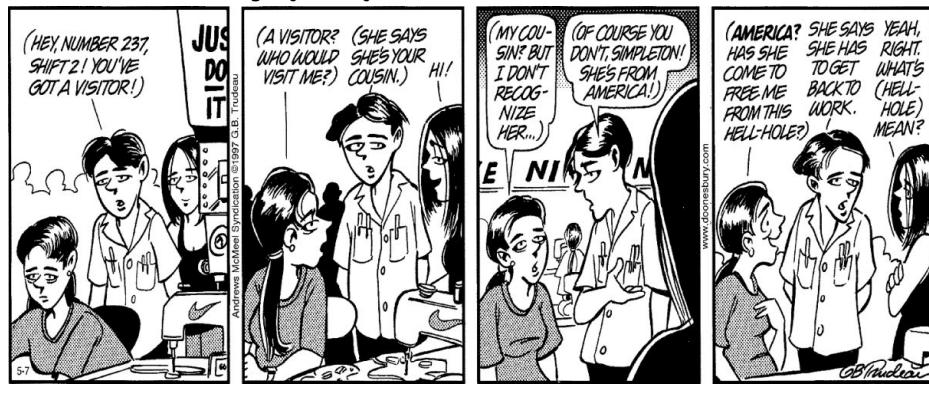
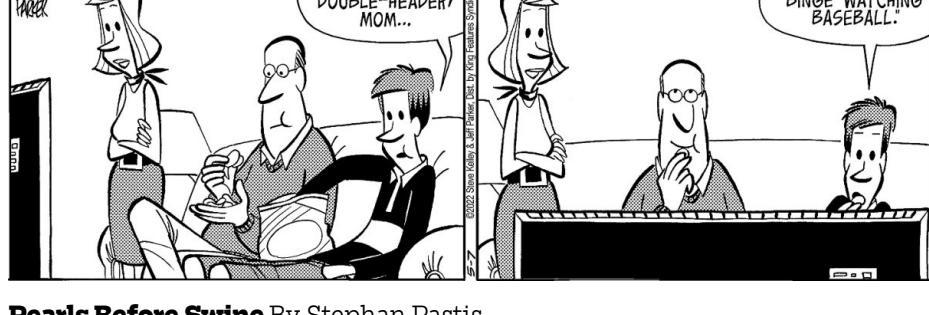
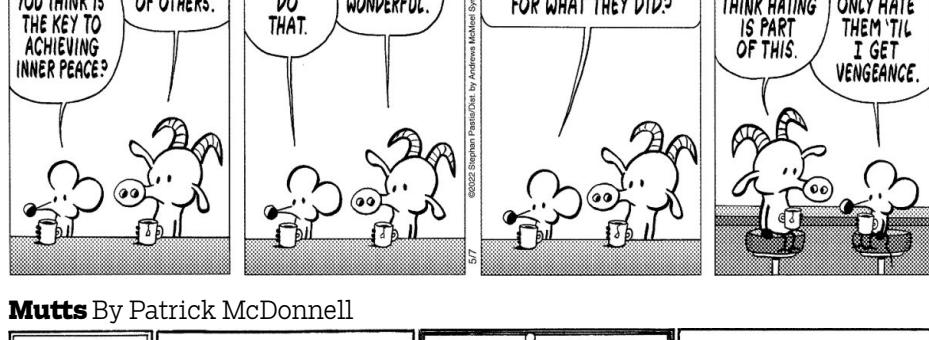
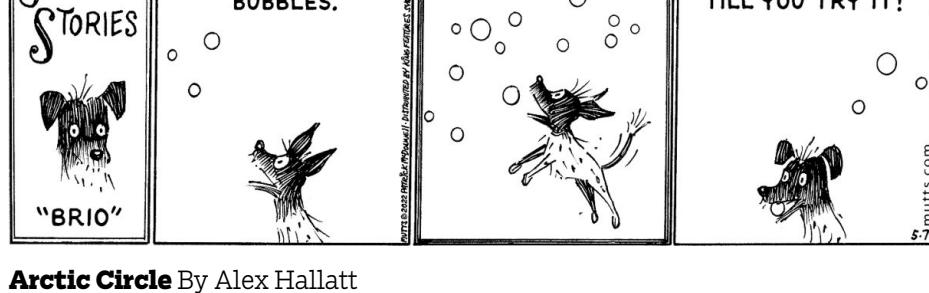
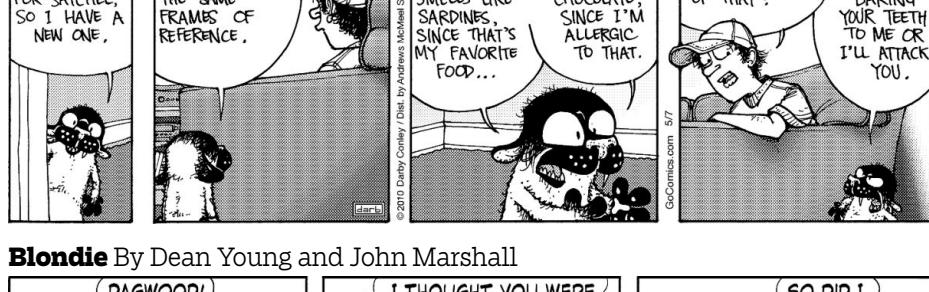
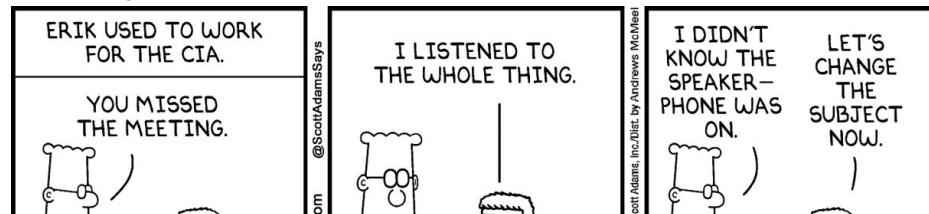
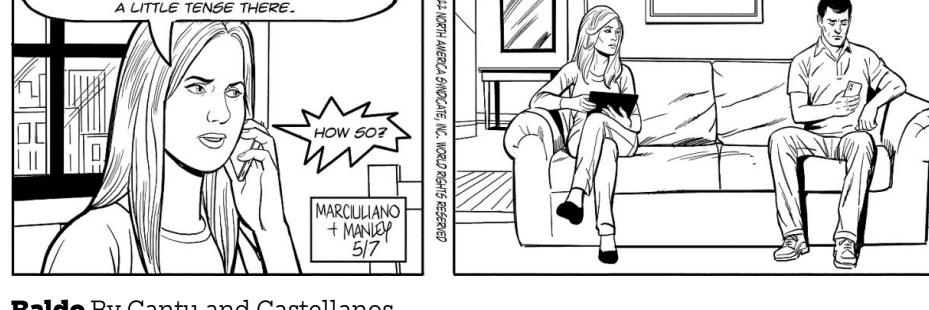
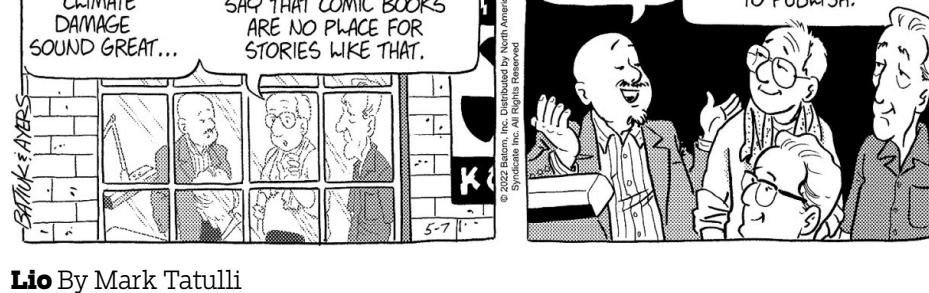
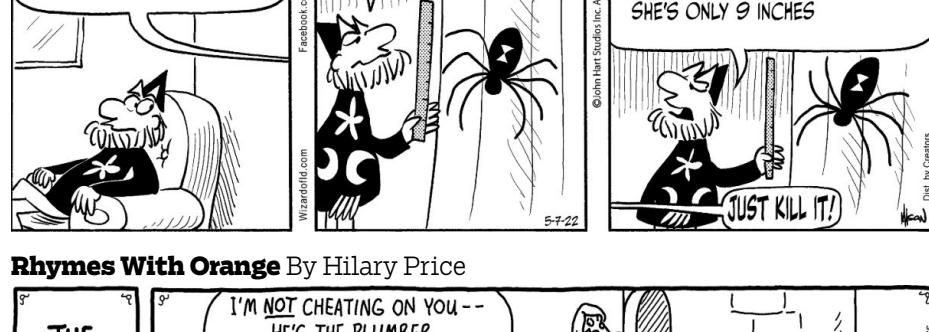
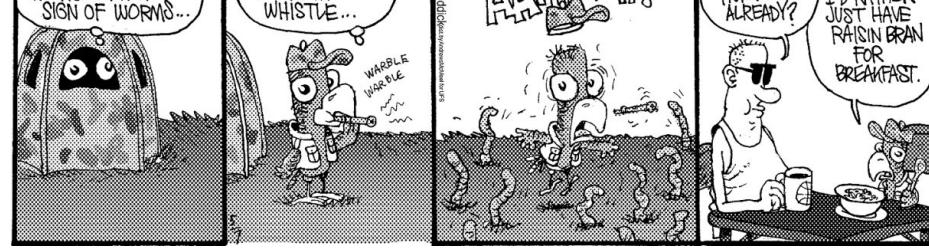
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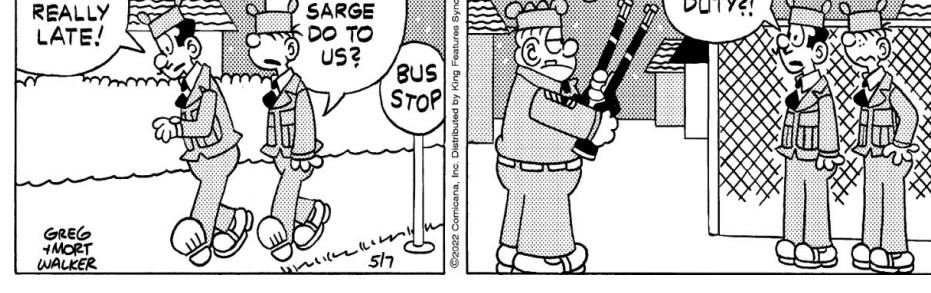
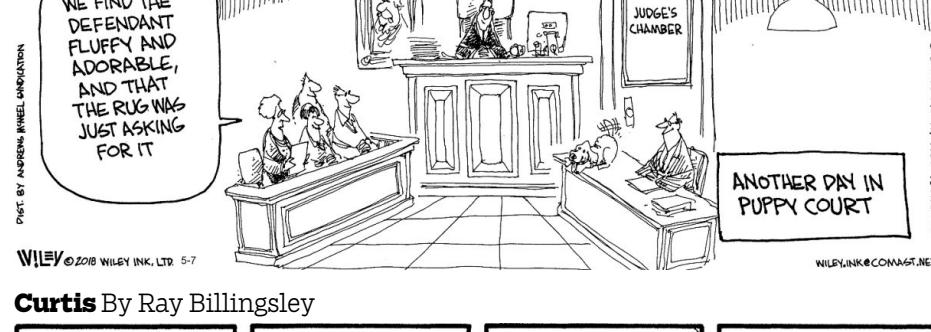
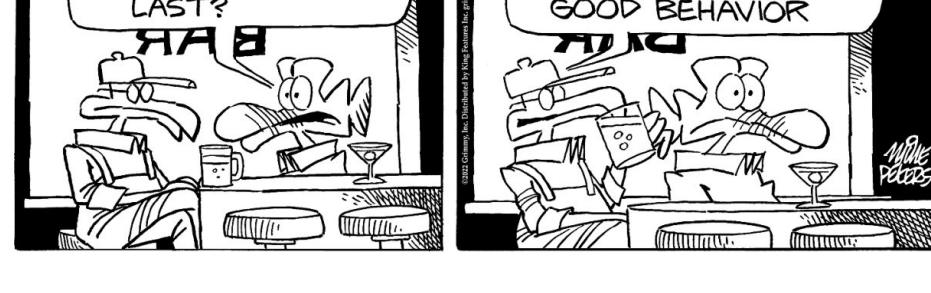
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By Ella Dershowitz

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**BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.**NORTH**♦ A  
♦ 9 7 5 4  
♦ 9 8 7 3  
♣ A K 8 2**WEST**♠ Q 10 8 6 4 3  
♥ A 2  
♦ —  
♣ Q 10 6 5 4**EAST**♦ 9  
♥ K Q J 10 8 3  
♦ J 10 6  
♣ J 7 3**SOUTH**♠ K J 7 5 2  
♥ 6  
♦ A K Q 5 4 2  
♣ 9

The bidding:

South 1 ♦ 2 ♠ 3 ♣ 3 ♥ 4 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ 5 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

**Accidentally on purpose**

It is usually easy to play perfectly when you see all 52 cards, but there are hands that are difficult to play correctly even when you have that advantage. For example, take this deal where West led the ace and another heart against six diamonds.

The slam would have been laydown had the trumps divided 2-1. But after declarer ruffed the second heart and West then showed out on the ace of diamonds, South had a difficult problem to solve. If he drew East's remaining trumps, he would not be able to ruff enough of his spade losers in dummy, while if he didn't draw trump, East would overruff any attempt to ruff a spade.

Faced with this seemingly insuperable difficulty, South managed to make the slam anyway. Acting on the assumption that West's distribution was almost surely 6-2-0-5, South drew two more rounds of trump and then led a spade to dummy's ace, producing this position:

South now made the key move of ruffing one of dummy's hearts. This seemingly innocuous play forced West to make a crucial discard. If he discarded a spade, South would cash the king of spades and ruff a spade to come to 12 tricks. And if West discarded a club instead, South would get home by cashing the A-K of clubs and ruffing a club to establish dummy's eight. Either way, West was doomed.

**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PMEOT

LOYMD

RWLEYA

DONLEO

Just bring it back, and throw it like you when I go up to Cindy!

Want to be like you when I go up to Cindy?

Way to go!

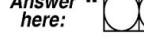
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When Cindy Crawford went bowling at the charity event, she was being a --

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Answer "here":  

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNACK GLOAT NOTARY LEVITY

Answer: For the Marshall Islands, the rising sea level was — TAKING "ATOLL"

**TODAY'S SUDOKU**

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3			8		
3			2	4	
5			1		
2	7		9	3	5

**ZIPPY****"ROCKS AND ROLLING"****ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

# MOTORING

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As our vehicles have grown taller and bulkier, the problem of "front-overs," or driving forward over an unseen child, increased. **KIDS AND CAR SAFETY**

## Childproof your rides

By Casey Williams  
Tribune News Service

**I**magine being on vacation with friends at a lake house, packing up to go home, lots of chaos with adults and children, vehicles moving in the driveway, luggage strewn about, and suddenly realizing you do not know where your son is.

"I just immediately knew, bolted for the door," said Amber Rollins, director of Kids and Car Safety (KidsAndCars.org), a research and advocacy organization.

"My 2-year-old was behind a car and the driver would not have seen him. There is danger everywhere you turn. I was lucky enough to get there in time."

Not every parent gets there in time. According to Parents.com, about 400 children under age 15 are killed each year after being hit by a vehicle.

The CDC reports that more than 90,000 children are injured in auto-related accidents. As the parent of an 8-year-old daughter, my heart goes out to their families. More can be done to protect our kids in and around automobiles.

### New tips and technology to help parents keep their kids safe

**No-brainer safety**  
When I was a kid, my parents threw sleeping bags in the back of our station wagon so my sister and I could play and nap. That would be illegal now — not that most parents would countenance the idea, given all we've learned since then.

What's the best thing parents can do to keep kids safe?

"It's a no-brainer," Rollins said. "Make sure they are in proper restraint for their age and size and buckled in correctly on every drive."

And if you're in a hurry to get your growing kid to the next and often easier-to-use seat, pump the brakes.

"Parents are eager to move to the next stage, but it's actually a demotion of safety," Rollins continued. "You can't keep kids in safety seats forever, but leave them in until they are maxed out with height and weight. The overwhelming majority are installed incorrectly. Your local police and fire department can direct you to an instructor."

It's not necessary to buy

the most expensive seat. My daughter had a red racing-style seat because she's cool like that, but all seats are federally regulated to meet standards. Just be sure to try them out in your car before you commit, and read the manual to understand your seat's specific rules for installation.

Also consider the car your seat goes into. Every car is different, so reach into the rear cushions to find the car seat attachment loops. Many European cars have plugs that guide in the seat clips, but others will have you reaching deep into the cushions to find the anchors. Easier is better.

**New dangers await**  
Keeping children safe inside of vehicles is the best thing you can do, but there are new dangers — and new technologies — to overcome them.

"We're aware of blind zones behind, but they are also in front where you can't see a kid up to 15 feet ahead," Rollins said. "We did an experiment where we placed 18 kids in front

of an SUV and the driver could not see them! People believe they can see what's in front of them, but they can't."

As our vehicles have grown taller and bulkier, the problem of "front-overs," or driving forward over an unseen child, increased. You should walk around your vehicle every time you drive it, but technology like around-view "bird's-eye" camera systems can also prevent accidents. Rear cameras have been mandated since 2018, but front cameras have not. Many of today's SUVs offer a switch-activated front trail camera that can be used to check for children before driving away.

It's also become common for vehicles to have forward-looking cameras, radar or LIDAR to anticipate a collision and apply the brakes. These systems, commonly known as automatic emergency braking, or AEB, are not created equal. Older systems were designed to recognize another vehicle to avoid a serious collision but were not calibrated to detect a

child, cyclist or pedestrian. The newest systems that are gaining wide acceptance can. Parents should ask about the sophistication of the AEB system when shopping for a new vehicle and choose one that detects pedestrians.

**Childproof your ride**  
Dangers lurk inside your vehicle, too. Every summer, we learn about children who were either left in vehicles or accidentally locked themselves in them. In the hot sun, it only takes minutes for kids to suffer heatstroke. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that you keep parked vehicles locked at all times, teach children that vehicles are not playgrounds and never leave a child in a vehicle while running errands. Rolling down windows does little to keep a vehicle cool, even in the shade.

Fortunately, there's technology to help parents remember their offspring in the back seat. I know from experience that child safety alert systems keep parents from leaving

their children unattended — on purpose or accidentally. But, like other safety systems, they are of varying levels of sophistication. The most common rely on door sensors to detect a door opened and assume a child entered the rear, while more advanced versions, like the latest employed by Hyundai/Kia, use seat sensors and motion detectors.

Going further, the Korean automakers commonly employ their Safe Exit Assist system that taps blind spot sensors to detect cars coming alongside the vehicle and prevents the doors from opening into fast traffic. Kids should always be taught to exit curbside, but these systems provide an additional margin of safety just in case. When buying a vehicle, request these systems.

In the end, the best way to prevent children getting hurt in and around automobiles is for their caretakers to keep their minds engaged.

"One thing to keep children safe is to focus on vehicle safety and make that a priority," Rollins said. "Tragedies happen in split seconds."

## Why a longer loan period for your new vehicle is a bad idea

By Ronald Montoya  
Edmunds

The conventional wisdom of car buying once stated that your loan should not exceed 48 months.

But the latest data from Edmunds shows that the average loan term for a new car has steadily increased over the last decade and is now about 70 months. These longer loan terms reflect not only a trend of people preferring costlier trucks and SUVs but also

inflated prices due to a nationwide vehicle shortage. At today's car prices, the old rule of thumb is not only being ignored but is also unattainable for most Americans.

The traditional "20/4/10 rule" of car buying states that you should make a 20% down payment, have a loan no longer than four years, and a total monthly car budget that does not exceed 10% of your take-home pay. But the reality is only 6% of new car shop-

pers actually followed that advice in March, according to Edmunds sales data.

A longer loan has the carrot on the stick of a more palatable monthly payment, but it comes with a number of drawbacks.

**Higher interest charges:** The average loan amount for a new car in the first quarter of 2022 was \$39,340. If we went with the recommended 48-month term, it would have an average interest rate of 1.9% in March 2022.

The finance charges over the life of the loan would be \$1,545, giving you a staggering monthly payment of \$852.

Contrast that with an 84-month auto loan. The monthly payment would drop to \$563 with a 5.4% interest rate. It seems like a massive improvement — until you see the finance charges: \$7,990 over the life of the loan. That's \$6,445 more over the 48-month loan and yet 34% of new-car buyers are will-

ing, or forced, to make that compromise.

**Negative equity:** Many auto loans start in a position of negative equity, meaning you owe more on the loan than the vehicle is worth due to finance charges and the initial depreciation hit of about 20%-25%. The time it takes you to build equity in the car will vary based on the vehicle's resale value, the loan term and down payment. With a 48-month loan, you'll break even at about 25 months,



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while that would take you 40 months on an 84-month loan.

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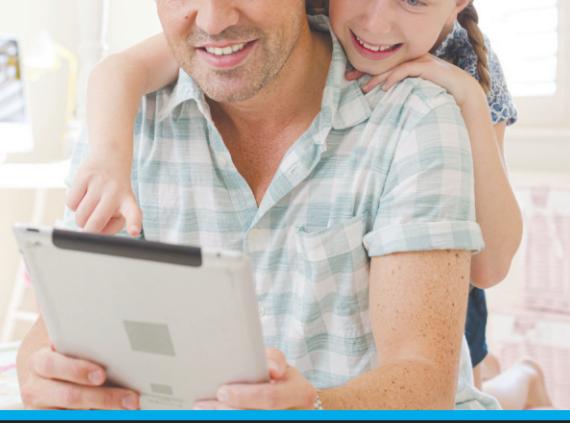
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Toyota's bZ4X SUV battery-electric vehicle. TOYOTA

**AUTO REVIEW**

## Smooth, comfy bZ4X is an EV for the Toyota faithful

**By Henry Payne**  
The Detroit News

ENCINITAS, California — Toyota pioneered the green auto segment 20 years ago with its egg-shaped Prius, expanding its customer base to include hybrid tree-huggers. These loyal green customers then watched over the past decade as Tesla stole Toyota's green eco-mantle with the all-electric Model 3 and Model Y. The faithful have finally been rewarded with the all-new 2023 Toyota bZ4X, the first all-electric Toyota built on a skateboard chassis.

Stepping on the pedal, I surged out of a stop-light on Carlsbad Highway north of San Diego. Liquid smooth and quiet as a beach breeze, the SUV is pleasant to drive around town devoid of a droning CVT transmission or gutteral V-6. Toggle the regen button and you can one-pedal drive.

But the top-drawer, all-wheel-driver's 214 horsepower pales next to the AWD Model Y's neck-snapping 384 ponies — good for 4.4 seconds 0-60. My Toyota arrives two seconds later.

Like the Camry sedan and RAV4 SUV, bZ4X's game plan revolves around reliability and room.

Borrowing design cues from an alphabet soup of

### 2023 Toyota bZ4X

**Vehicle type:** Battery-powered, FWD and AWD  
**Price:** Starting at \$43,215, including \$1,215 destination charge

**Powerplant:** 71.4/72.8 kWh lithium-ion battery driving single/twin electric motors

**Power:** 201 horsepower, 196 pound feet-torque (FWD); 214 horsepower, 248 pound feet-torque (AWD)

**Transmission:** Single-speed automatic

**Performance:** 0-60 mph, 6.1-7.5 seconds

**Est. range:** 252 miles (XLE FWD), 228 miles (XLE AWD), 242 miles (Limited FWD), 222 miles (Limited AWD)

station updates are scheduled for future over-the-air updates. Toyota has settled for a 355-volt platform that will fast-charge from 10-80% in 60 minutes.

bZ4X features a clever recessed, unshrouded instrument display behind the steering wheel. Unfortunately, it is obstructed by the steering wheel.

Ergonomics aside, the cabin is comfortable. Letting the sunshine in is a premium panoramic roof. Under the glass dome is a palatial rear-seat couch with 47.1 inches of legroom with a heated seat option. Front passengers get heated/cooled seats — and a special space heater where the glove compartment used to be.

bZ4X ditches the glove compartment because it has a bottomless center console into which you can drop air gauges, insurance cards — it's so deep Toyota offers a top bin so you can segment it. Under the electronic shifter is more space. The emphasis on space does not extend to a trunk, which is another Tesla-pioneered feature that Ford has embraced with the Mach-E and Lightning pickup. Mach-E was hell-bent on creating a Tesla clone to steal away Model 3/Y buyers.

Toyota? Not so much. They're content to make an approachable EV for brand loyalists.

sources, it poses a coherent, premium design statement. A bigger issue is bZ4X's mixed bag of tech beneath an appealing interior design package. I ogled the center console's striking tidal wave of black trim cresting in a broad 12.3-inch screen, then barked:

"Hey, Toyota! Take me to Boulders Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona."

Confusion. The Tesla would have mapped the 504 miles to the destination, and included charging stops on the way. Not the Toyota. I turned to the trusty touch-screen keypad and located Boulders, but my e-guide hadn't a clue where fast chargers could be found.

Toyota says that charging

## Front brakes do most of the work

**Bob Weber**  
Motormouth

**Q:** On an AWD vehicle, do front brake pads wear faster than rear brake pads since more weight is carried by the front wheels?

— L.K., Park Ridge, Illinois

**A:** The front brakes on most cars wear faster than the rear brakes. It is not only because there is more weight in the front than in the rear. Roughly 80 percent of the stopping power is supplied by the front brakes. You have probably noticed that the front of the car dives a little under hard braking. At the same time, the rear of the car raises, taking some of the weight off the rear wheels. The front brakes are doing most of the work.

**Q:** Your answer to the 92-year-old who was told she prematurely needed brakes may not have been correct. When my dad was in his 70s, he was driving with one foot on the brake pedal at all times. I see quite a few drivers with brake lights glowing as they drive 45 on a 60 mph freeway. Perhaps those drivers are late in age. I can only imagine the damage to a brake system if that pedal was being pushed hard enough to engage braking while driving 5,400 miles.

— B.F., Minneapolis

**A:** Resting your foot on the brake pedal not only causes wear and tear on the brakes, but it also causes the engine control management system to drop out of closed loop operation. The computer thinks the car is stopping and the engine power is no longer needed.

**Q:** A writer questioned whether it was wise to run



The front brakes on most cars wear faster than the rear brakes. ARTURS STIEBRIKS/DREAMSTIME

out the gas of his small tools when they were stored for the winter. You suggested adding Stabil (or its equivalent) to the gas instead. I totally agree!

One thing you didn't mention was that some of the carburetors on the small

gas engines have gaskets or diaphragms that go bad

if they are exposed to air for any length of time. P.S.

To be honest, I no longer use most of my old small gas-powered tools: They have been replaced with battery-operated tools. It would not break my heart to never deal with a small gas motor again.

— R.B., Colchester, Connecticut

**A:** You have company regarding the gaskets and diaphragms that may dry out and fail, but modern components are less prone (yet not infallible). I like battery-powered stuff, too.

**Q:** Recently my fuel pump needed to be replaced. The mechanic also replaced one section of the pre-formed fuel line going to the fuel pump due to an updated design change. The day after I picked up the car, the check engine light went on. Codes say it is the gas cap, but repeat-

edly tightening the gas cap hasn't helped, despite filling the gas tank and multiple engine starts.

The mechanic turned off the check engine light, but within a week it was back on. Is there any chance this is related to the fuel pump and fuel line replacement? Or is it all just coincidence?

— J.C., Allentown, Pennsylvania

**A:** Have you tried a new gas cap? Any leak in the evaporative emissions system, including the cap, will trigger the check engine light. Ask your mechanic to check all the connections he may have disturbed. Of course, I can't rule out just a coincidence.

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

# An old-school coach talks modern hoops

**Legend Jim Calhoun**  
 talks NIL, NCAA transfers and his new namesake gymnasium at Saint Joseph

**By Dom Amore**  
 Hartford Courant

**WEST HARTFORD** — Jim Calhoun is never far away from college students, or basketball. As

he nears his 80th birthday next week, he can still be found nearly every day chatting with players in his office overlooking the basketball court at the University of Saint Joseph, which could now be called "Jim's Gym."

"You know I have to do something," said Calhoun, who retired as men's basketball coach last November.

The arena inside the new O'Connell Athletic Center will be named the Hall of Fame Coach James A

Calhoun Gymnasium. Calhoun, who created the Division III men's basketball program at Saint Joseph, was honored Thursday as the Calhoun Legacy Fund was established with a goal of raising \$1 million to aid students.

"We're using every dollar to ensure that every student who deserves a Saint Joseph education can get one, regardless of their family circumstances," univer-

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**Jim Calhoun**, still a presence at his office at the University of Saint Joseph, is starting a fund to offer financial aid to students there. And, of course, the Hall of Famer has some thoughts on the state of major college basketball.

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**KENTUCKY DERBY**

# Derby returns with no limits

**By Beth Harris**  
 Associated Press

**LOUISVILLE, KY.** — Twenty eager colts breaking from the starting gate, a full house for the first time in three years, and a Kentucky Derby lacking a dominant favorite.

Things could get interesting Saturday at Churchill Downs, where the winners in 2019 and 2021 were disqualified.

The biggest question for these 3-year-olds is whether they can handle running 1 1/4 miles while jostling for position in front of the biggest crowd they'll ever see and hear.

"Things can get a little dodgy throughout the race, having to go through holes and take dirt and take some bumps along the way," trainer Chad Brown said. "You just never know what's going to happen when you open the gate."

Zandon is the early 3-1 favorite and breaks from the No. 10 post, which has produced the second-most winners with nine. The dark bay colt is trained by Brown, seeking his first Derby win after six losses.

"It would mean everything," said Brown, who has had his own stable for 15 years. "It's so hard to get these Derby horses, especially the favorite."

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, the Derby returns in all its noisy, colorful glory. Attendance is back to full capacity, which means about 150,000 people jammed into Churchill Downs, dressed to the nines and fortified by mint juleps served in souvenir glasses. Post time is 6:57 p.m. EDT.

"You want to adopt the philosophy that it's just another race, but of course most definitely it's not just another race," said Barbados-born trainer Saffie Joseph Jr., who saddles White Abarro.

In 2019, winner Maximum Security was disqualified for

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**Kentucky Derby**

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**Jonquel Jones**, center, and her Sun teammates enter the 2022 season as one of the WNBA favorites. COURANT FILE

# Commercial appeal

**'It's time to go get one': Sun determined to capture elusive WNBA championship in 2022**

**By Lila Bromberg**  
 Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun aren't shying away from declaring their intentions ahead of the upcoming WNBA season.

After coming up short in each of the last few years, with a finals appearance in 2019 followed by two consecutive losses in the semi-finals, the Sun are determined to win their first franchise championship in 2022.

"We are a championship-caliber team," reigning league MVP Jonquel Jones told The Hartford Courant. "We're tired of just being a team that's talking about it, it's time to go get one.... This team has been right on the cusp of winning the championship and we want to be able to go ahead and finally get it done."

The campaign toward a title kicks off on Saturday when the Sun open the season against the New York Liberty at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The game will air on ESPN at 6 p.m.

Connecticut, entering its seventh season under general manager and head coach Curt Miller after posting the best regular-season

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**Sun center Brionna Jones** drives to the basket as Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu defends during a game on Sept. 15 in Uncasville. SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP

**Inside the making of the new State Farm ad starring WNBA MVP and Sun All-Star Jones**

**By Lila Bromberg**  
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Jonquel Jones was taken aback when her agent approached her about one particular marketing opportunity last season. State Farm wanted to feature the eventual WNBA MVP in a new commercial spot.

"I was ecstatic, obviously," Jones told the Hartford Courant earlier this week. "I just couldn't believe it. It's such a big-time commercial. They run it in so many different places and on primetime television, so it was a huge thing, definitely was a huge thing. And my family was super excited, too — super, super excited."

If you've watched live sports lately, particularly the NBA playoffs, you've probably seen it. You know, the one where the 6-foot-6 Connecticut Sun forward steps in to assist Trae Young with a jar of pickles?

"Here you go," Jones says after reaching over the 6-foot-1 Atlanta Hawks guard to grab the jar on a high shelf.

"Thanks, Jonquel," Young responds, appearing a little sad that he couldn't grab it himself.

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**NHL PLAYOFFS BRUINS 4, HURRICANES 2**

# Marchand, Boston bounce back, close series gap on Carolina

**By Steve Conroy**  
 Boston Herald

**BOSTON — BOSTON** — The Bruins took their first lead of the series against the Hurricanes at 5:41 of the second period and went on to defeat Carolina, 4-2, at TD Garden Friday night to close within 2-1 in the opening round series.

The Bruins held onto the belief that the Carolina Hurricanes were a different team when they had to

play from behind.

The catch was that getting a lead against them had been impossible in five meetings between the regular season and the first two games of their first-round playoff series.

They finally got a chance to test out the theory when a goal by Brad Marchand gave them a 2-1 lead at the 5:41 mark in the second period.

Marchand made his own luck on the way to his first goal of the series. He saw a wraparound pass by Brady Skjei coming and picked

it off along the boards in the Bruins' offensive zone. He found Patrice Bergeron in the slot.

Bergeron's wrist shot was blocked by Skjei, but Marchand crashed the net and the puck found him. He lofted a wrist shot over Pyotr Kochetkov and put the Bruins ahead for the first time in 3:25:41 of hockey over five games this season.

The one thing the Bruins didn't want to do was chase the Hurricanes for a third straight game.

They let Carolina score first in each of the first two games of the series and watched both games run away from them.

At home for a pivotal Game 3, the Bruins couldn't stop it from happening again.

Vincent Trocheck scored his second goal of the series at 9:17 of the first period.

Brendan Smith swooped in to snag the puck at the blue line

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## SPORTS

### UP NEXT

**Celtics:** NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 3), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 4), Monday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 5), Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Bruins:** NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 4), Sunday, 12:30 p.m.; NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 5, if necessary), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 6, if necessary), Thursday, time TBD

**Rangers:** NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 3), Saturday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 4), Monday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 5), Wednesday, time TBD

**Red Sox:** White Sox, Saturday, 4 p.m.; White Sox, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.; at Atlanta, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

**Yankees:** Rangers, Saturday, 1 p.m.; Rangers (2), Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Mets:** at Phillies, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Phillies, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at Nationals, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Yard Goats:** Binghamton, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Binghamton, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Portland, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Hartford Athletic:** Loudoun United, Saturday, 7 p.m.; N.Y. Red Bulls II, May 14, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.

### TV/RADIO

#### ACTION SPORTS

10 p.m.: Cornhole ACL Bag Brawl. (Live) ESPN2

#### AUTO RACING

10:30 a.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Goodyear 400, Qualifying. (Live) FS1

1:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Mahindra ROXOR 200. (Live) FS1

3:55 p.m.: Formula 1 Racing Miami Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN

#### BASEBALL

1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

1 p.m.: Texas Rangers at New York Yankees. (Live), YES.

Radio: 97.9

2 p.m.: Florida State at Boston College. (Live) ACC

2 p.m.: North Carolina at NC State. (Live) ESPNU

4 p.m.: Detroit Tigers at Houston Astros. (Live) FS1

4 p.m.: Chicago White Sox at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080

4 p.m.: New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880

5:30 p.m.: Arkansas at Auburn. (Live) SEC

7 p.m.: St. Louis Cardinals at San Francisco Giants. (Live) FS1

7:30 p.m.: Florida at Mississippi State. (Live) ESPNU

8:30 p.m.: LSU at Alabama. (Live) SEC

10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

#### BASKETBALL

3:30 p.m.: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live) ABC

8 p.m.: WNBA: Atlanta Dream at Dallas Wings. (Live) CBSSN

8:30 p.m.: Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors. (Live) ABC

2 a.m.: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

#### EQUESTRIAN

2:30 p.m.: 148th Kentucky Derby (Live) NBC

#### FOOTBALL

8 a.m.: Sydney Swans vs Gold Coast Suns. (Same-day Tape) FSP

7 p.m.: USFL Football Tampa Bay Bandits vs Birmingham Stallions. (Live) FOX

11 p.m.: Melbourne Demons vs St. Kilda Saints. (Live) FSP

#### GOLF

8 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Betfred British Masters, Third Round. (Live) GOLF

1 p.m.: Wells Fargo Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF

3 p.m.: Wells Fargo Championship, Third Round. (Live) CBS

3 p.m.: Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Second Round. (Live) GOLF

#### HOCKEY

1 p.m.: Florida Panthers at Washington Capitals. (Live) SPRTNET ESPN

4:30 p.m.: Colorado Avalanche at Nashville Predators. (Live) SPRTNET TNT

7 p.m.: NHL First Round: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live), TNT, MSG

9:30 p.m.: Calgary Flames at Dallas Stars. (Live) TNT

9:45 p.m.: Calgary Flames at Dallas Stars. (Live) SPRTNET

4 a.m.: Florida Panthers at Washington Capitals. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

#### LACROSSE

10 a.m.: MAAC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPNU

12 p.m.: Duke at Notre Dame. (Live) ESPN2

12 p.m.: America East Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2

2 p.m.: Women's College Patriot League Tournament, Championship, Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN

4:30 p.m.: Big East Tournament, Championship, Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN

#### MOTORCYCLE RACING

7:30 p.m.: AMA Supercross Monster Energy Series, Round 17. (Live) CNBC

#### OUTDOORS

9 a.m.: Fishing Sport Fishing Championship. (Live) CBSSN

#### RUGBY

2 a.m.: Rugby ATL at Utah Warriors. (Live) FSP

#### SOCcer

6 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer Perugia Calcio vs AC Monza 1912. (Taped) FSP

7 a.m.: Scottish Premier League Soccer Celtic vs Heart of Midlothian. (Live) CBSSN

10 a.m.: Premier League Soccer Chelsea vs Wolverhampton Wanderers. (Live) USA

12:30 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Brighton & Hove Albion vs Manchester United. (Live) NBC

1 p.m.: NWSL Soccer (Live) CBS

2:45 p.m.: Premier League Soccer Liverpool vs Tottenham Hotspur. (Live) USA

#### SOFTBALL

11:30 a.m.: Auburn at Tennessee. (Live) SEC

12 p.m.: Pittsburgh at Duke. (Live) ACC

1:30 p.m.: Ole Miss at Georgia. (Live) SEC

3:30 p.m.: Arkansas at Texas A&M. (Live) SEC

5 p.m.: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. (Live) ESPNU

#### TEENNIS

7:30 a.m.: WTA Tennis Mutua Madrid Open, Doubles Final. (Live) TENNIS

10 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Madrid-ATP/WTA, ATP Semifinals, WTA Singles Final. (Live) TENNIS

#### VOLLEYBALL

8 p.m.: NCAA Tournament Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2

### REGIONAL DIGEST

#### Hartford Athletic hosts Loudoun, stages community events

The Hartford Athletic, still seeking its first win in USL Championship play, will host Loudoun United in an Eastern Conference matchup on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Health Stadium.

Hartford is 0-7-1 on the season and in last place in the conference. Loudoun is 2-5-1.

Prior to the game Hartford will be hosting

two events for the first time.

From 3-5 p.m. Period Poverty Pack will take place as "Dignity Totes" filled with a month's worth of hygiene products are collected to be donated to Hartford-area schools. From 5-6 p.m. the team will be holding Community Awards night to honor people who have made contributions in specific areas benefiting the community.

**UConn baseball wins opener over Creighton:** Austin Peterson improved his record to 9-0, pitching eight innings and allowing a run on three hits with nine strikeouts, as the UConn baseball team opened a crucial Big

### NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS

## Celtics started to figure out Giannis in Game 2; now they must keep pressure on

By Adam Himmelsbach  
Boston Globe

MILWAUKEE — A cursory glance at stat sheets from the first two games of this playoff series could make one believe that Bucks superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo has been dominant against the Celtics.

The two-time NBA MVP is averaging 26 points, 11 rebounds, and 9.5 assists.

But Boston coach Ime Udoka looks at the situation from a wider lens. He sees that Antetokounmpo is shooting just 38.4 percent from the field. He sees how the Celtics have forced him to commit 11 turnovers. And he sees how some minor adjustments in Game 2, when the Celtics trusted their top defenders to battle Antetokounmpo one-on-one, yielded encouraging results.

"He's basically 76 percent at the rim [this season]," Udoka said. "We've held him to 50 or less. So we're guarding him well one-on-one, but want to mix it up and give him different looks."

"I felt after Game 1 that we helped inappropriately at times and gave up some of those threes when guys were in good position to guard him, or he kind of baited a little bit. So we want to be a little more deliberate."

The Celtics smothered Antetokounmpo in the first half of their Game 2 win, mostly turning him into an ineffective perimeter shooter. That helped them vault to a 25-point halftime lead that was never in danger. But in the second half, Antetokounmpo provided a hint of what could be coming in Saturday's Game 3, as he got back to lowering his head and

bulldozing to the rim.

The Celtics certainly noticed that shift, too, and they say they will be prepared. But the energy from a lively Milwaukee crowd could give Antetokounmpo even more of a push.

"He's going to come out aggressive," Udoka said. "Our guys are bodying up and guarding him one-on-one at times and understanding he's going to adjust to that and be more aggressive. We still want to keep him off-balance at times and just get to their shooters."

The Celtics could be helped by the return of Marcus Smart, the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year. Smart missed Game 2 because of a quadriceps contusion he suffered during Game 1. But he said Thursday there is a "strong likelihood" that he will be

back, and on Friday, Udoka said Smart would be listed as probable for Game 3.

Smart's game is built on physicality, and he insisted that he would not return unless he was able to be the menacing defender he usually is, so there should be no visible difference in his play.

"[The training staff] is doing everything they can, and I'm doing everything on my part on my end to get back on the court," Smart said.

Robert Williams, who returned in Game 3 of the first-round series against the Nets after missing nearly a month because of knee surgery, and clearly had to knock off some rust, appears to be back to his usual shot-swatting, lob-catching self. So the Celtics should mostly be back to full strength.

### METS

## Lindor learning how to stay on an even keel

By Deesha Thosar  
New York Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — Francisco Lindor does not like to talk about last year.

And why would he?

Offensively, 2021 was his worst season. He finished the year hitting .230/.322/.412 with an OPS+ of 101 (league average is 100). But it was his slow start — weeks after signing a 10-year, \$341 million contract, no less — that put him in an early hole.

"You guys love talking about numbers; I hate talking about numbers," Lindor jokingly told reporters Thursday night, after he snapped his 0-for-18 skid at the plate with a monster two-run homer that sparked the Mets' seven-run ninth-inning rally against the Phillies.

Lindor's mindset and approach are noticeably different this season, as he's hitting .241/.331/.426 with an OPS+ of 126, five home runs and 17 RBIs through his major-league-leading first 28 games of the season.

He's carefree, relaxed, talkative, cracking jokes, having fun and putting less of the burden on himself when he does go through a rough patch at the plate. It helps that while Lindor went through a 1-for-21 stretch to start May, the Mets went 4-2 in those games.

He's learning to balance all the challenges that accompany being a superstar shortstop for a big-market team, including media responsibilities, letting the fans embrace him, welcoming the spotlight and enjoying the highs and lows of a 162-game season. Being a year older, Lindor said, has also helped him navigate his second season in Queens.

**Friday rainout, maybe Saturday too:** Rather than having to face Max Scherzer, the Phillies will sit with Thursday's awful loss for at least another day. Friday's Mets-Phillies game was postponed due to rain in the forecast, the home team announced. It will be made up as part of a split-admission doubleheader Saturday, Aug. 20, at Citizens Bank Park. Game 1 will start at 1:05 p.m., and the originally scheduled Game 2 will remain at 7:15 p.m.

### RED SOX

## Story not dodging criticism of early struggles

By Alex Speier  
Boston Globe

BOSTON — When Trevor Story broke into the big leagues with the Rockies in 2016, he made a dazzling immediate mark, hitting homers in his first four games. The start of a new chapter of his career in Boston has not gone as smoothly.

Story heard boos at Fenway Park in response to his 0-for-4, four-strikeout Thursday afternoon against Angels ace Shohei Ohtani. Yes, Story heard the crowd response. But even as he admitted such a fan reaction had not been a part of his experience over six years in Colorado, Story said he had no issues with the negative reaction to his performance.

"Of course you hear it, but that's part of it. Strike out four times like that, that's to be expected a little bit," Story said. "We all just want to win. I know the fans do, too."

"At the end of the day, we expect more out of ourselves than anybody else does. I hold myself to a high standard. That standard wasn't met. Obviously the fans feel the same way."

To Story, there was one sensible response to his performance, which left him with a .210/.293/.296 line: Go to work. After Thursday's game, Story headed straight to the Red Sox batting cage and spent more than an hour there working with hitting coach Pete Fatse and teammates J.D. Martinez and Alex Verdugo. He thus wasn't available to the media after the game, but on Friday, Story said that he hadn't been "dodging" the media.

He said he'd been unaware that reporters had been waiting to interview him and apologized for any miscommunication. Story thus made a point of making himself available Friday to discuss his early struggles with the Red Sox.

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**BASEBALL****AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	18	7	.720	—	—	9-1	L-1	10-3	8-4
Tampa Bay	16	10	.615	2 1/2	—	7-3	W-4	9-7	7-3
Toronto	16	11	.593	3	—	5-5	L-1	10-6	6-5
Baltimore	10	16	.385	8 1/2	5	4-6	W-2	7-6	3-10
Boston	10	16	.385	8 1/2	5	3-7	L-2	4-6	6-10
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	15	11	.577	—	—	7-3	L-2	8-4	7-7
Cleveland	12	13	.480	2 1/2	2 1/2	5-5	W-2	5-4	7-9
Chicago	11	13	.458	3	3	5-5	W-3	7-6	4-7
Kansas City	8	15	.348	5 1/2	5 1/2	3-7	L-1	6-9	2-6
Detroit	8	16	.333	6	6	2-8	L-2	5-9	3-7
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	17	10	.630	—	—	7-3	W-2	8-5	9-5
Houston	15	11	.577	1 1/2	—	8-2	W-4	6-4	9-7
Seattle	12	14	.462	4 1/2	3	2-8	L-4	7-3	5-11
Texas	10	14	.417	5 1/2	4	5-5	W-4	4-9	6-5
Oakland	10	15	.400	6	4 1/2	2-8	L-6	4-9	6-6

**BOX SCORES****LATE THURSDAY:**

MILWAUKEE 10, CINCINNATI 5

Cincinnati AB R H B SO AVG

Friedl rf	4	1	1	0	1	.111
b-Lopez ph	1	0	0	0	0	.240
Drury 2b	5	0	1	1	1	.231
Pham If	4	1	1	0	2	.247
Moustakas 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.241
Stephenson c	4	2	2	2	1	.263
Moran 1b	4	0	1	2	0	.190
Reynolds ss	4	0	0	0	2	.357
Dawson dh	3	0	0	0	2	.000
a-Garcia ph	1	0	0	0	0	.212
Almora Jr. cf	4	1	2	0	1	.500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Milwaukee AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>AVG</b>	
Urias 2b	4	1	1	3	.444	
Yelich lf	5	3	3	2	.247	
Adames ss	4	3	2	4	.235	
Tellez 1b	5	0	2	1	.275	
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	.222	
Narvaez c	2	0	0	0	.226	
Taylor cf	4	1	1	1	.204	
Peterson 3b	4	1	2	0	.188	
Hiura dh	4	1	1	3	.216	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>02x</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

a-flied out for Dawson in the 9th.  
b-flied out for Friedl in the 9th.  
E: Narvaez (3).  
**LOB:** Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 6.  
**2B:** Moustakas (2), Tellez (2), Yelich (6), Peterson (1).

HR: Stephenson (3), off Houser; Urias (1), off Greene; Yelich (4), off Greene; Adames (7), off Greene; Taylor (1), off Greene; Hiura (2), off Greene; Adames (8), off Warren.

RBIs: Stephenson 2(8), Moran 2(9), Drury (10), Urias (2), Yelich (2), Tellez (22), Adames (4), Taylor (5), Hiura (5), SB: Stephenson (1), Peterson (3), Yelich (3).

**Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 3 (Reynolds, Moran 2); Milwaukee 4 (Taylor, Renfroe, Urias 2).  
**RISP:** Cincinnati 4 for 1; Milwaukee 3 for 10.  
**Runners moved up:** Drury, Pham, Moran.**CINCINNATI IP H R ER BB SO ERA**

Greene, L-1-4	2 1/2	9	8	8	1	7	8.71
Cessa, R	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	2	3.48
Santillan	1	1	0	0	3	6.23	
Dielh	1	0	0	0	1	9.00	
Strickland	1	0	0	1	0	6.75	
Warren	1	2	2	0	2	10.29	
<b>MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO ERA</b>							
Houser, W-3-2	5	7	5	4	1	6	3.42
Gott, H-4	1	0	0	0	2	1.74	
Boxberger, H-6	1	0	0	0	0	2.08	
Williams, H-9	1	1	0	0	1	3.48	
Miller	1	1	0	0	0	2.08	

**HBP:** Cessa (Urias), Santillan (Narvaez).  
**WP:** Greene.**Umpires:** Home, John Tumpane; First, Ryan Blakney; Second, Marvin Hudson; Third, Clint Vondrak.T: 3:05.  
A: 21,715(41,900).**LATE THURSDAY:** HOUSTON 3, DETROIT 2

Detroit AB R H BI SO AVG

Baddoo cf	3	0	1	0	2	.159
Grossman If	4	0	1	0	0	.282
Baez ss	4	0	0	0	0	.233
Meadows rf	4	0	0	0	1	.284
Cabreira dh	4	3	0	0	2	.284
1-W-Castro dh	0	1	0	0	0	.278
Candelario 3b	4	2	2	0	2	.202
H-Castro 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.341
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.167
Barnhart c	3	0	1	0	0	.298
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Houston AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>AVG</b>	
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	1	.6	.342
Brantley dh	4	0	1	0	.281	
Bregman 3b	4	0	1	0	.247	
Alvarez lf	4	0	1	0	.280	
2-McCormick	0	1	0	0	.264	
Guerril 1b	3	0	0	0	.212	
Tucker rf	3	0	1	1	.250	
Pena ss	3	1	1	1	.233	
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	.191	
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	.204	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Detroit</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>002</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Houston</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>010</b>	<b>001</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

No outs when winning run scored.  
1-run for Cabrera in the 9th.  
2-run for Alvarez in the 9th.**LOB:** Detroit 5, Houston 6.

2B: Grossman (4), Bregman (6).

HR: Candelario (2), off Pressly; Altuve (3), off Skubal; Pena (6), off Skubal.

RBIs: Candelario (2), Altuve (5), Pena (15), Tucker (16).

CS: Baddoo (1), Altuve (1).

**Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2 (Grossman, Meadows); Houston 1 (Gurriel).**RISP:** Detroit 4 for 3; Houston 1 for 3.**Runners moved up:** Baez.**GDP:** Torkelson, Candelario.**DP:** Houston 2(Bregman, Pena, Gurriel; Pena, Altuve, Gurriel).**DETROIT IP H R ER BB SO ERA**

Skubal	6	6	2	0	1	9	3.46





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## SCOREBOARD

### NBA

#### PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

#### EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#1 Miami, 2, #4 Philadelphia 1

May 2: Miami 106-92

May 4: Miami 119-103

Friday: Philadelphia 99-79

Sunday: at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Tuesday: at Miami, TBD

x-Thursday: at Philadelphia, TBD

x-May 15: at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 1, #3 Milwaukee 1

May 1: Milwaukee 101-89

May 3: Boston 109-86

Saturday: at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.

Monday: at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.

x-May 13: at Milwaukee, TBD

x-May 15: at Boston, TBD

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

#1 Phoenix 2, #4 Dallas 0

May 2: Phoenix 121-114

May 4: at Phoenix 129-109

Friday: at Dallas, late

Sunday: at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

x-Tuesday: at Phoenix, TBD

x-Thursday: at Dallas, TBD

x-May 15: at Phoenix, TBD

#3 Golden State 1, #2 Memphis 1

May 1: Golden State 117-116

May 3: Memphis 106-101

Saturday: at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

Monday: at Golden State, 10 p.m.

Wednesday: at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

x-May 13: at Golden State, TBD

May 16: at Memphis, TBD

PLAYOFF LEADERS

Through Thursday

#### SCORING AVERAGE G FG FT PTS AVG

Jokic, DEN 5 61 28 155 31.0

Tatum, BOS 6 52 42 168 28.0

Antetokounmpo, MIL 7 70 52 195 27.9

Curry, GS 7 65 34 191 27.3

Ingram, NO 6 56 39 162 27.0

Butler, MIA 6 57 36 159 26.5

Durant, BKN 4 32 34 105 26.3

Morant, MEM 8 68 21 126 26.3

Embrey, PHI 6 52 41 157 26.2

Mitchell, UTA 6 53 37 153 25.5

Edwards, MIN 6 50 28 151 25.2

Brunson, DAL 8 70 36 189 23.6

Siakam, TOR 6 51 31 137 22.8

Maxey, PHI 8 65 34 181 22.6

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**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

Washington 84, Indiana 70

Los Angeles at Chicago, late

Las Vegas at Phoenix, late

Minnesota at Seattle, late

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**

Connecticut at New York, 6 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**

Los Angeles at Indiana, 3 p.m.

Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Seattle at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**

Las Vegas at Washington, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**

Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.

Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

Phoenix at Seattle, 3 p.m.

Los Angeles at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Dallas at New York, 2 p.m.

Atlanta at Indiana, 3 p.m.

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**WEEK 4**

**FRIDAY'S RESULT**

Philadelphia at Michigan, late

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**

New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 2:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Birmingham, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAME**

Houston at New Orleans, 3 p.m.

**HORSE RACING**

#### 148TH KENTUCKY DERBY

Post position draw for Saturday's field at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.; with jockey and odds from the rail out: POST TIME: 6:57 p.m. ET

Distance: 1 1/4 miles (10 furlongs; 2,012 m); Surface: Dirt

Race 12. Stakes Purse \$3,000,000. For 3-Year-Olds, Colts, With An Entry Fee Of \$25,000 Each And A Starting Fee Of \$25,000 Each.

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**ODDS**

**NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS**

Points standing positions, percentages and total fastest laps:

**DRIVER**

**POS.**

**PCT.**

**LAPS**

Chase Elliott 1 2 8 418

Ryan Blaney 0 4 6 368

William Byron 2 4 4 353

Kyle Busch 1 3 7 349

Alex Bowman 1 3 7 349

Ross Chastain 2 7 7 338

Martin Truex, Jr. 0 2 5 336

Kyle Larson 1 5 6 335

Joey Logano 0 3 5 316

Christopher Bell 0 2 5 284

Aric Almirola 0 1 4 283

**WEATHER**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Periods of rain, especially in the morning and in the southern portions of the state. Breezy. <b>54°</b> LOW <b>42°</b>	Considerable cloudiness and breezy. <b>57°</b> LOW <b>40°</b>	Partly sunny and breezy. <b>64°</b> LOW <b>43°</b>	Mostly sunny and breezy. <b>68°</b> LOW <b>45°</b>	Partly sunny and breezy. <b>74°</b> LOW <b>49°</b>

**YOURCAST****AROUND THE WORLD**

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore	54 43 R	Nashville	65 48 C	San Juan	88 77 PC	Budapest	76 55 PC	Stockholm	53 47 R	
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Caribou	52 27 S	Boise	56 33 SH	New York	52 42 R	Omaha	74 56 PC	Buenos Aires	73 57 PC	Madrid	64 48 C
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Montpelier	57 29 S	Charleston	83 59 PC	Orlando	89 67 C	Athens	70 52 S	Cancun	88 78 PC	Montreal	97 75 S
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Portland	55 35 S	Cleveland	55 41 C	Raleigh	73 49 SH	Barbados	86 73 PC	Helsinki	54 32 SH	Paris	66 82 S
Woods Hole	52 40 SH	Indianapolis	65 46 PC	St. Louis	71 53 S	Beijing	68 52 C	Hong Kong	84 75 PC	Prague	84 73 SH
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Albuquerque	89 57 PC	Miami Beach	89 76 T	Portland	100 76 S	Berlin	73 48 C	Jerusalem	68 50 PC	Singapore	75 55 R
Atlantic City	55 45 R	Milwaukee	57 43 S	San Antonio	100 76 S	Bermuda	77 70 PC	Johannesburg	73 52 PC	Tampa	93 73 T

**THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS****BASEBALL**

CCC-Inter: BRISTOL CENTRAL 10, NEW BRITAIN 0 (5) NB 000-00-0-1-1 BC 212-32-10-9-2

WP: Oscar Kuzniar. LP: Jomar Rodriguez. Rec.: BC-4-7; NB-2-11. Note: Kuzniar tossed a 1-h hit shutout with 4 strikeouts, no walks.

NEWINGTON 10, SOUTH WINDSOR 1 SW 000-100-0-1-2-2 N 240-400-x-10-12-1

WP: Gavin Gray. LP: Jacob Albert. HR: N-Josiah Ross. Rec.: N-11-1; SW-1-10. Note: Ross had a 3-run homer.

Shoreline HADAM-KILLINGWORTH 17, MORGAN 4 HK 230-061-5-17-14-1 M 103-000-2-4-6-1

WP: Callen Powers. LP: Bailey Goss. HR: HK-Caden Ciavoli; M-Ethan Remsnyder. Rec.: HK-5-5; M-6-10. Note: Ciavoli had a 2-run homer and Todd Butler had 3 doubles for H-K.

OLD SAYBROOK 15, PORTLAND 7 OS 154-050-0-15-11-2 P 241-00-0-7-7-2

WP: Connor Lane. LP: Spencer Rosado. HR: OS-August Albert (2), Lane; P-Mike Quesnel. Rec.: OS-10-3; P-2-10. Note: Lane tossed 4 innings of scoreless relief to get the win.

HALE-RAY 7, WESTBROOK 2 W 000-000-2-2-6-4 HR 114-001-x-7-13-1

WP: Tyler Prisley. LP: Oliver Ross. Rec.: HR-6-6; W-0-14.

CTC GOODWIN TECH 13, VINAL TECH 1 (5) VT 001-00-1-3-6 GT 280-0x-13-10-1

WP: MiAngel Velazquez. LP: Dillon Zalewski. Rec.: CT-4-9; VT-2-10. Note: Sean Kobialka, Jaden Savulus and Nazir Russell each had 2 hits for Goodwin.

CRAL CIVIC LEADERSHIP 7, MILC 0 CL 200-203-3-7-6-0 M 000-000-0-3-0-3

WP: Raul Mojica. LP: Anthony Heller. Rec.: CL-2-7; M-2-7.

BACON ACADEMY 12, MONTVILLE 2 (6) M 200-000-2-4-1 BA 140-061-12-9-0

WP: Jack Novak. LP: Chas Terni. Rec.: BA-13-1; M-2-12. Note: Novak (6-0) struck out 10 and had a 2-run double at the plate. James Gumbs had 2 RBI, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases for Bacon.

Others ST. PAUL 10, HALL 1 SP 001-125-1-10-14-2 H 000-010-0-1-6-1

WP: Joey Tonotti. LP: Joe Dooley. HR: SP-Ryan Daniels. Rec.: SP-14-0; H-6-6. Note: Casey Cerruto was 3-for-4 with 2 RBI and Devin Kulas was 2-for-4 with 2 runs scored. Alex Cafone was 2-for-4 with a run scored for Hall.

SOFTBALL CCC-West CONARD 13, SIMSBURY 4 S 400-000-0-4 C 520-015-x-13

WP: Tatyana Datil. LP: Mikaela Martinez. Rec.: C-7-6; S-7-5.

CCC-Inter WETHERSFIELD 5, TOLLAND 1 W 300-000-2-5-7-1 T 100-000-0-1-7-4

WP: Kyla Brogan. LP: Elsie McCaffrey. Rec.: W-8-3; T-7-5. Note: Brogan and McCaffrey each had 10 strikeouts.

Shoreline CROMWELL 4, VALLEY REGIONAL 1 VR 000-000-1-5-0 C 100-030-x-4-8-1

WP: Lily Kenney. LP: Anna Benson. Rec.: C-12-2; VR-5-5. Note: Jaime Anderson had 2 hits, 3 stolen bases and Victoria Wiatrak had 2 hits for Cromwell.

Others RHAM 5, NFA 4 N 003-000-1-4-6-5 R 001-110-2-5-6-4

WP: Hadley Marchand. LP: Jillian Dykema. Rec.: R-10-2; N-9-4. Note: Natalie Assunto was 3-for-4 with 2 runs scored and Linnea Carlson had 2 RBI for RHAM.

MLC 10, HMTC 6 (5) M 540-10-10 H 100-50-6

WP: Makayla Smith. LP: Megan Lamphere. Rec.: M-4-3; H-1-12.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

CCC-North FARMINGTON 16, ROCKY HILL 4

Goals: F-Lucas Ditson (3), Brendan Occhino (3), Tyler Stoneman (2), Tucker Labrecque (2), Josh Wager (2), Elliot Stambough, Trey Ellef, Mike Spirito, Ethan Shternfeld; RH-Tommas Garrahy (2), Brody Troiano, Dominic Violette. Saves: F-Harrison Slade, 1; RH-Tyler Poulin, 11. Rec.: F-6-4; RH-2-7.

RHAM 20, BERLIN 5

Goals: R-Jacob Tresser (7), Tim Smith (5), Boden Landers (4), Brady Lalonde, Jackson McKinley, Nick Pace, James Celio; B-Dan Veronesi, Nick Allen, Tim Mrachek, Mason DiMauro, Dan Koops. Rec.: R-4-6; B-1-9.

**GIrls LACROSSE**

CCC-South SOMERS 19, ROCKVILLE 1

Goals: S-Jamie Anthony (5), Caroline Colton (4), Palmer Oliveri (2), Brooke Stevens (2), Josie Smith (2), Ashley Birkenstock (2), Noelle Benedict, Ryen Rossi; R-Olivia Mistretta. Saves: S-Kayla Brown, 1; R-Mandi Rivard, 11. Rec.: S-3-7; R-1-11.

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

CCC-East WETHERSFIELD 3, BULKELEY/SMSA 0 (25-16, 25-15, 24-14)

W: Andrew Knapp, 7 kills, Andue Xhelaj, 10 assists; S: Tidy Joy, 3 kills. Rec.: W-3-8; BS-2-9.

**BOYS GOLF**

CCC-East CATHOLIC 172, ENFIELD 184

Medals: Noah Carlson and Adam Eskin, East Catholic, 40 at Grassmere CC, Enfield.

TOLLAND 154, SOUTH WINDSOR 180

Medals: Max Baldwin and AJ Cady, Tolland, 36 at Topstone GC, South Windsor.

**BOYS TENNIS**

CCC-South PLATT/MALONEY 4, BRISTOL CENTRAL 3

Goals: S-Kelissa Facey (2), Calibe Simpson. Rec.: W-5-6; CP-0-4. Note: Facey and Simpson each had a grand slam. Facey also had a 2-run homer.

WETHERSFIELD 5, SOUTH WINDSOR 2

Goals: S-Alexis Troiano, Dominic Violette. Saves: S-Eliza Gosselin, 1; RH-Tyler Poulin, 11. Rec.: F-6-4; RH-2-7.

**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**

CCC-Inter NEWINGTON 3, NEWINGTON 0 (25-7, 25-10, 25-19)

W: Drew Rancourt, 13 kills, 8aces, 1block, Evan Murphy, 20assists, 6digs, 4aces, John Bellfronte, 10kills, 2aces, 2blocks. Rec.: E-10-2; N-9-4.

**BOYS SOFTBALL**

CCC-East RHAM 6, E.O. SMITH 5 (8)

Goals: S-Adam Cipolla (5), Brendan O'Neil (3), Mattie O'Neil (2), Noelle Benedict (2), Taylor Trutin, Alex Bouchard, McKenna Pennington, Paige Tracy, A-Lily Woods (3), Kelly Hayes. Saves: S-Kaitlyn O'Brien, 4; A-Griffith, 13. Rec.: S-7-3; A-3-6.

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

CCC-East ENFIELD 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-13, 25-15, 25-7)&lt;/

# KENTUCKY DERBY 2022



## SPECIAL E-EDITION SECTION

Saturday, May 7, 2022



War Emblem, with jockey Victor Espinoza aboard, leads the field into the first turn on his way to victory in the 128th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 4, 2002, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Derby is a fixture of the American sports calendar. **AP FILE**

# A BLUEGRASS STATE OF MIND

The Kentucky Derby — which has its 148th running at approximately 6:57 p.m. Eastern on Saturday — is back after experiencing two of the strangest years in its history due to the pandemic. Churchill Downs again will welcome everybody without restrictions, raising hopes of getting back to 150,000 or more beneath the Twin Spires. If attendance and participation around Louisville and other major sporting events such as the Super Bowl, Final Four and Major League Baseball



games are any indication, the atmosphere for the first jewel in horse racing's Triple Crown should have a pre-pandemic feel, though masks are optional. The 2020 running was delayed until Labor Day weekend, then held without spectators. It returned to its familiar spring slot eight months later in 2021, but with limited capacity. This year should feature the spectrum of women in big hats and men in seersucker suits, sipping bourbon and mint juleps as cigar smoke wafts through the air.

—AP

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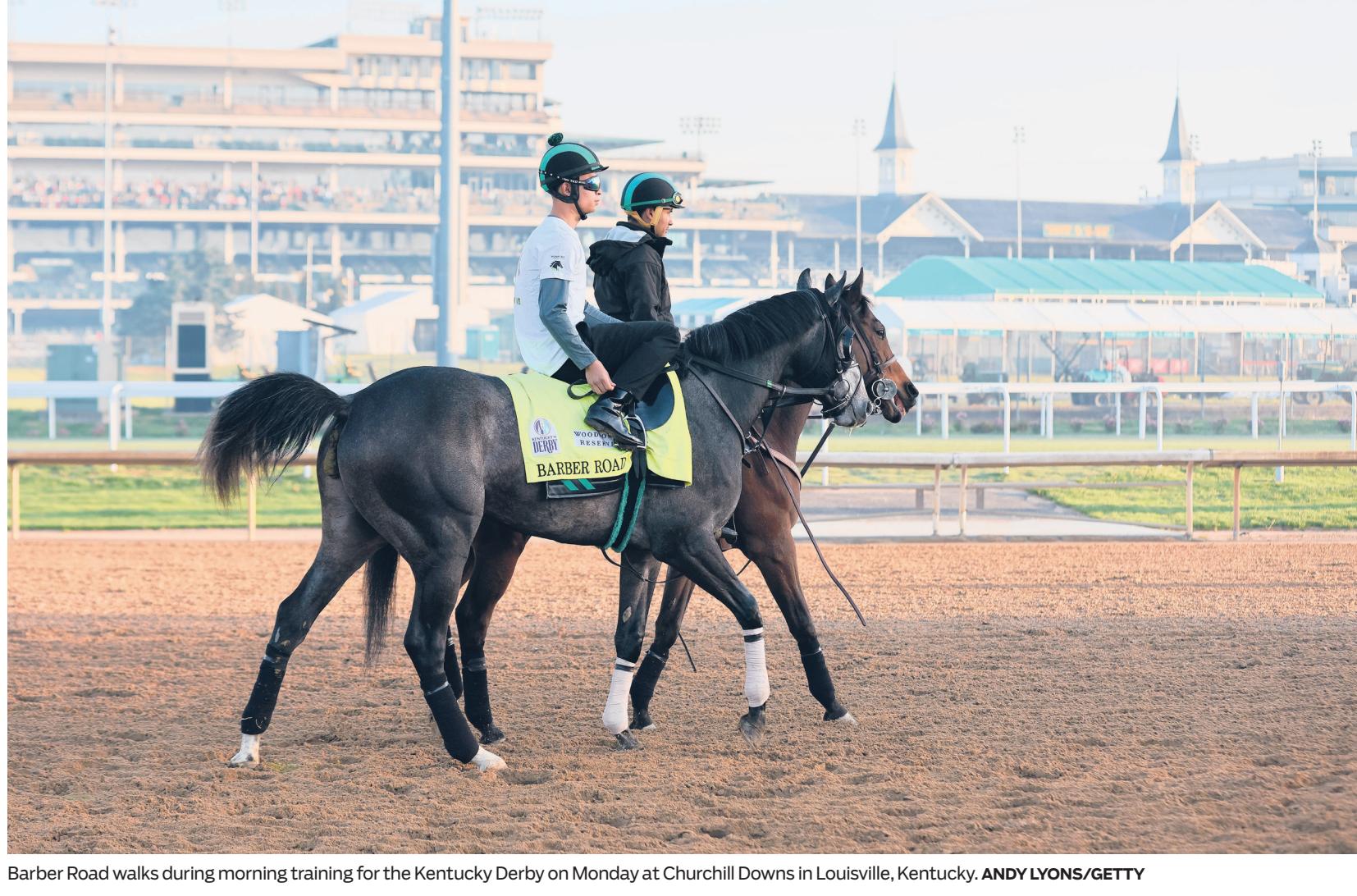
A photographic look at one of the sports world's biggest days.

Plus: List of Derby champions.

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# KENTUCKY DERBY 2022

# Road a path for many



Barber Road walks during morning training for the Kentucky Derby on Monday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. ANDY LYONS/GETTY

## Kentucky Derby contender connects a small town, a big corporation and fairy-tale dreams

**By Cameron Drummond**

Lexington Herald-Leader

**B**ill Simon has been to the Kentucky Derby before, and vowed not to return. The former president and CEO of retail giant Walmart, Simon appreciated the pageantry and spectacle of his past Derby trip, but acknowledged it was a bucket list item he could check off and move on from.

"I'm not coming again unless I'm in the Derby," Simon said.

Well, the giddiness in Simon's voice during a video call with reporters last week hinted at his change of heart.

Simon will stride into Churchill Downs on Saturday as the owner of Barber Road, a long shot in post position No. 14 for the Kentucky Derby.

Barber Road hasn't won since a starter allowance race last November — also at Churchill Downs — and ran third in the Rebel Stakes and second in the Arkansas Derby, both at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Simon, jockey Reylu Gutierrez and trainer John Ortiz will all be making their Derby debuts with the horse.

Simon thought about playing it cool as the owner of a Kentucky Derby horse, potentially not showing up to Churchill Downs until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

Then he thought again.

"No, that's not going to happen. I'm like a caged tiger right now," Simon said. "By the time (9 a.m.) on Saturday rolls around, I'm sure we'll be headed to the track."

### 'A very chill horse'

Ortiz thought the end was near.

He went out on his own as a trainer in November 2016, and can easily recall the early struggles.

Ortiz remembers being given 12 stalls to fill at Oaklawn Park, only to bring just seven horses to the track.

"I was looking around like, 'Man, this isn't going to work,'" Ortiz, 36, told reporters during a video call last week.

But as Ortiz began to ponder a return to being an assistant trainer, bloodstock agent Jared Hughes got him in touch with Simon, who was looking for a trainer.

Ortiz — born in Colombia to his father, Carlos, who was a jockey there before moving his family to the U.S. to race — has Derby Day experience at Churchill Downs as part of the undercard, but never in the main race.

"I'm just sitting there back at the barn looking at this horse and he has no clue what's about to happen," Ortiz said of Barber Road. "He's happy. He is sound. He is animated. He is himself, and proud of himself. . . . He's a great horse, feeling great and feeling confident."

Ortiz was 20 years old when he galloped for legendary trainer Bill Mott at the Breeders' Cup, and Ortiz said he's been told to stop, relax, look around and enjoy all the moments that come with having a horse in the Derby.

"I've got to do my job every morning, that hasn't changed. The horse is training the same way, that hasn't changed. . . . Everything's the same. The only thing that's different is it's a name, a Kentucky Derby race," Ortiz explained. "I'm confident in my horse. I'm confident in myself, more so now that I've had Barber Road take the edge off me. He's my leader right now. He's my emotional support horse."

As for Barber Road himself, Ortiz draws parallels between Oaklawn Park — where Barber Road has run half of his eight career races — and Churchill Downs.

Both venues feature a small paddock that sits below the crowd, with an echoey, loud noise that reverberates.

"Nothing bothers him, this is part of his character. He doesn't get wound up," Ortiz said. "I think the crowd for him is going to be a piece of cake. He's a very chill horse."

### 'An active engagement for our family'

Let's backtrack for a second, and explain why the former boss of Walmart owns Barber Road.

Simon served as president and CEO of Walmart U.S. from 2010 to 2014, and began his involvement in horse racing

by buying into a horse with friends in 2017.

As his wife, Tammy, fell in love with horses, Simon fell in love with the math and numbers behind the sport.

Simon's youngest son recently graduated from Baylor University — where Simon is a part-time lecturer and a member of the Baylor University Board of Regents — and works in the horse racing industry himself.

"We didn't want to be investors in this. If you're going to be an investor in horse racing, you probably ought to not because there's better places to invest your money," Simon said. "We wanted it to be an active business, an active engagement for our family."

This hope for a familial atmosphere is also what convinced Simon to retain Ortiz as a trainer.

"He's open and he's willing to teach," Simon said of Ortiz. "We didn't know much, still don't know much, about the game, and having somebody like Johnny sort of show us, welcome us and be our guide through the whole thing was really critical."

The idea of family even extends to the naming, and now the celebration, of Barber Road.

The horse is named for a street in Lenoir County, North Carolina, a rural area in the eastern part of the state where Tammy grew up.

On Saturday for the Derby, the small farming community of Seven Springs will host a watch party at the farm Tammy grew up on.

Simon — who had never owned a horse that earned a Kentucky Derby qualifying point before Barber Road — anticipates up to 100 people will gather under a tent on the farm to watch Barber Road run, from Barber Road itself.

"His success has been something, but it's really sort of created a rally in this community," Simon said. "This small, little rural community is made up of a lot of her family and friends and people from their church. It's been so cool to see everybody get excited about it."

The other key member of the Barber Road team is Gutierrez, a 25-year-old jockey born in Rochester, New York, who graduated from SUNY Cortland with a degree in exercise science in 2017.

This is his first Kentucky Derby as well, and Gutierrez has ridden

Barber Road in his last two races, both Kentucky Derby prep events at Oaklawn Park.

Why keep Gutierrez on the mount for Saturday?

"You dance with who you brought to the dance," Ortiz said.

### Despite odds, will dreams come true?

Ortiz hopes this week's opportunity can also be used as a showcase moment for a new, younger generation of trainers.

"Hopefully I'm inspiring or motivating other trainers to be thoughtful of their careers," the 36-year-old Ortiz said. "I want them to succeed, because if I'm succeeding, then somebody's going to call me (and ask), 'Who's the next young trainer?'"

"The industry is at a time, in my view, that it needs young people to be successful. It needs a new group of people to come and change," Simon added. "There needs to be some hope and some future and some light and some excitement. . . . I think they've set the table for the next generation."

So what chance does Barber Road have to make the wildest dreams of Gutierrez, Ortiz and Simon come true?

If you ask the oddsmakers, not a great one.

Following Monday afternoon's post-position draw — Barber Road drew post position No. 14 — the morning-line odds installed Barber Road as a 30-1 shot, tied with several other horses at the longest odds to win the race.

But that doesn't mean the emotion at 6:57 p.m. Saturday will be dampened for those in his camp.

"I've spoken in stadiums in front of 20,000 people and been to the White House and met presidents and tons of stuff like that, and I never got nervous, not once. They walk this horse out to the track and I start getting nervous," Simon said. "I think that's the thrill of horse racing. . . . the opportunity to watch (horses). I think it stirs something down deep in people."

"The expectations of what's getting ready to happen hasn't really hit me yet," Ortiz said. "I'm just going along with the ride. He's the road. We've just got to follow this path until it gets us where we want to be."

## NBC's Tirico ready to begin another busy stretch

**By Joe Reedy**

Associated Press

Mike Tirico is recharged and ready to go again more than two months after completing one of the busiest schedules in recent memory for a sports television host. Tirico will host his fifth Kentucky Derby on Saturday, which begins a stretch that includes the Triple Crown, Indianapolis 500, the U.S. Open and the British Open. Tirico will then begin preparing for the upcoming NFL season as he takes over as the play-by-play voice for "Sunday Night Football."

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"People say you need to rest for the football season. You do that all the time," Tirico said. "To do the Derby, Preakness, Indy and then go to Brookline and St. Andrew's, that's not work. It's still fun. So I am rested, ready to go and looking forward to a great spring and summer."

Tirico acknowledges his battery needed recharging after the Beijing Winter Games. Hosting an Olympics is one of the toughest tasks out there,

but Tirico's was more complicated because he also hosted the Super Bowl from Los Angeles and had a stretch where he logged 12,500 air miles in less than a week.

He anchored primetime coverage from Beijing the first five days before flying back to the U.S. He did three days in Los Angeles and anchored the final week from NBC Sports headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut.

That doesn't even include Tirico hosting the Tokyo Summer Games, calling Notre Dame football and hosting "Football Night in America."



NBC's Mike Tirico will host his fifth Kentucky Derby from Churchill Downs on Saturday. AP FILE

# KENTUCKY DERBY 2022

# Sizing up the field

By Joe Drape and Melissa Hoppert | The New York Times



## Mo Donegal

**Trainer:** Todd Pletcher  
**Jockey:** Irad Ortiz Jr.  
**Odds:** 10-1

**Drape:** This colt was my pick until he got the No. 1 hole. It is extremely difficult to navigate a clean trip from this spot, especially for a closer like Mo.

**Hoppert:** He has finished in the money in all five starts and turned heads with an impressive rally in the Wood Memorial. He's also a son of Uncle Mo, who has already produced a Derby winner (Nyquist in 2016) and who has a leading jockey on his back.



## Happy Jack

**Trainer:** Doug O'Neill  
**Jockey:** Rafael Bejarano  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** My son's name is Jack, and he is happy. He can do what he wants with his allowance.

**Hoppert:** The Calumet homebred finished third in two Santa Anita prep races but was never a factor. He won't be at the Derby, either.



## Epicenter

**Trainer:** Steve Asmussen  
**Jockey:** Joel Rosario  
**Odds:** 7-2

**Drape:** Here's your likely post-time favorite, and I cannot blame anyone who bets on him. But he is not a lock.

**Hoppert:** I'll take my chances. This winner of four of six races, including three preps in Louisiana, has a lot going for him: a versatile running style, a top jockey and a Hall of Fame trainer who is long overdue in adding the Run for the Roses to his resume.



## Summer Is Tomorrow

**Trainer:** Bhupat Seemar  
**Jockey:** Mickael Barzalona  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** He has two wins in Dubai. This race is a big step up from those.

**Hoppert:** The second-place finisher in the UAE Derby was bred by former Kentucky Gov. Brereton C. Jones. He'll come out running Saturday, but he won't be around at the finish.



## Smile Happy

**Trainer:** Kenny McPeek  
**Jockey:** Corey Lanerie  
**Odds:** 20-1

**Drape:** He won here as a 2-year-old, and McPeek knows how to point them at big races. My pick.

**Hoppert:** He turned heads during his 2-year-old season, but he has finished second in two starts this year. A real question mark.



## Messier

**Trainer:** Tim Yakteen  
**Jockey:** John Velazquez  
**Odds:** 8-1

**Drape:** A seasoned sort who was beaten by his stablemate Taiba in the Santa Anita Derby.

**Hoppert:** You know what they say: Never count out a Bob Baffert — er, Tim Yakteen — horse. (Yakteen is Baffert's former assistant.) Messier has finished first or second in all six of his starts and has a solid chance to become only the third Canada-bred to win The Derby. I'm chalking up his Santa Anita Derby showing to the two months between races.



## Crown Pride

**Trainer:** Koichi Shintani  
**Jockey:** Christophe Lemaire  
**Odds:** 20-1

**Drape:** Japanese horses have won big races in Saudi Arabia and Dubai, so why not here? This one has been touting himself training in the morning.

**Hoppert:** The first-place finisher in the UAE Derby is definitely the buzz horse on the backside, and not only for his lightning-fast works: He warms up by prancing in circles like a dressage horse.



## Charge It

**Trainer:** Todd Pletcher  
**Jockey:** Luis Saez  
**Odds:** 20-1

**Drape:** A lightly raced and talented gray. Looks like Pletcher is sitting on a good one.

**Hoppert:** The runner-up in the Florida Derby has raced only three times, but he has shown promise, and with a clean trip can improve.



## Tiz The Bomb

**Trainer:** Kenny McPeek  
**Jockey:** Brian Hernandez Jr.  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** He has won five of eight, but his best running has been done on a synthetic surface.

**Hoppert:** The last time he ran on dirt he finished seventh, and with rain in the forecast, you should look elsewhere.



## Zandon

**Trainer:** Chad Brown  
**Jockey:** Flavien Prat  
**Odds:** 3-1

**Drape:** He runs from the back, a style that has not paid off in recent editions.

**Hoppert:** You can't miss this nearly jet-black horse on the racetrack, and you shouldn't overlook him at the betting window, either. Paired with a red-hot jockey, this speedy Blue Grass Stakes winner gives his successful trainer his best chance yet to notch a Derby victory.



## Pioneer of Medina

**Trainer:** Todd Pletcher  
**Jockey:** Joe Bravo  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** He is a solid racehorse and will win down the road. Not here.

**Hoppert:** This will be the fifth racetrack and seventh jockey for the third-place finisher in the Louisiana Derby. Pass.



## Taiba

**Trainer:** Tim Yakteen  
**Jockey:** Mike Smith  
**Odds:** 12-1

**Drape:** The undefeated colt is trying to win after two dazzling starts, a feat accomplished only once, by a horse named Leonatus in 1883.

**Hoppert:** His owner pushed to enter him in the Santa Anita Derby with only one race under his belt, a risk that paid off. But with so little experience, can he flash the same talent against 19 other horses? Smith, his rider, is well seasoned, though: At 56, he would become the oldest jockey to win a Derby.



## Simplification

**Trainer:** Antonio Sano  
**Jockey:** Jose Ortiz  
**Odds:** 20-1

**Drape:** Two others ran by him in the Florida Derby. He would be a surprise.

**Hoppert:** All of his races have been at Gulfstream Park, and he's not as fast as many of his counterparts.



## Barber Road

**Trainer:** John Ortiz  
**Jockey:** Reylu Gutierrez  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** A hard-trying colt who has a case of seconditis — four runner-up finishes.

**Hoppert:** The second-place finisher in the Arkansas Derby hasn't won this year, but his story is a winner: This is the first Derby for his trainer, his jockey and his owner, the former CEO of Walmart, William Simon, who purchased him for \$15,000. How's that for everyday low pricing?



## White Abbario

**Trainer:** Saffie Joseph Jr.  
**Jockey:** Tyler Gaffalone  
**Odds:** 10-1

**Drape:** This gray has won four of five and proved himself as the best horse in Florida.

**Hoppert:** The Florida Derby winner's only loss came at Churchill Downs.



## Cyberknife

**Trainer:** Brad Cox  
**Jockey:** Florent Geroux  
**Odds:** 20-1

**Drape:** This is a champion trainer bringing a colt in off back-to-back wins. Respect.

**Hoppert:** With a convincing victory in the Arkansas Derby, he stamped himself as the best of Cox's trio. He'll also be a sentimental pick: He's named after a treatment for cancer.

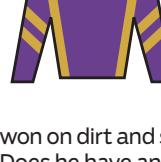


## Classic Causeway

**Trainer:** Brian Lynch  
**Jockey:** Julien Leparoux  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** Which Classic Causeway do we get? The dominant Tampa Derby champion, or the colt who spun his wheels in the Florida Derby? Your guess is as good as mine.

**Hoppert:** He'll be running early but is definitely a question mark after finishing last in the Florida Derby.



## Tawny Port

**Trainer:** Brad Cox  
**Jockey:** Ricardo Santana Jr.  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** He has the look of a good one, but this is too much too soon.

**Hoppert:** Named after a style of Portuguese wine, he has won on dirt and synthetics, and The Derby will be his third race in five weeks. Does he have anything left in the bottle?



## Zozos

**Trainer:** Brad Cox  
**Jockey:** Manny Franco  
**Odds:** 20-1

**Drape:** He will be running early, but so will a lot of others. Not this time.

**Hoppert:** The talented but lightly raced Louisiana Derby runner-up is named for the owner's favorite restaurant in the Virgin Islands.



## Ethereal Road

**Trainer:** D. Wayne Lukas  
**Jockey:** Luis Contreras  
**Odds:** 30-1

**Drape:** He has won only once in seven tries, but his Hall of Fame trainer believes that if you're in it, you have a chance to win it.

**Hoppert:** He's the 50th Derby starter for the 86-year-old Lukas, who has won this race four times. If he were to pull off another, it would be perhaps his most improbable accomplishment yet, especially from Post 20.

**Drape's win-place-show picks:** Smile Happy, Crown Pride, Mo Donegal **Hoppert's picks:** Epicenter, Messier, Zandon

# KENTUCKY DERBY 2022



A horse and jockey walk past the twin spires prior to the 140th running of the Kentucky Derby on May 3, 2014. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY



A fan arrives for the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby on May 2, 2015. MATT SLOCUM/AP

# One day in May

From fancy hats to celebrity sightings to expensive cigars to mint juleps, the Kentucky Derby is equal parts sports, fashion, mixology and entertainment



Joel Rosario atop Orb reacts after winning the 139th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 4, 2013, in Louisville, Kentucky. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY



Secretariat, with Ron Turcotte up, wins the 1973 Kentucky Derby. The horse would go on to win the Triple Crown. MARY DELANEY COOKE/CORBIS VIA GETTY



Mike Smith rides Justify to victory during the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby on May 5, 2018. Justify also went on to win the Triple Crown. MORRY GASH/AP

## KENTUCKY DERBY CHAMPIONS

\* AFTER DISQUALIFICATION OF MEDINA SPIRIT

2021: Mandaloun*	2000: Fusaichi Pegasus	1979: Spectacular Bid	1958: Tim Tam	1937: War Admiral	1916: George Smith	1895: Halma
2020: Authentic	1999: Charismatic	1978: Affirmed	1957: Iron Liege	1936: Bold Venture	1915: Regret	1894: Chant
2019: Country House	1998: Real Quiet	1977: Seattle Slew	1956: Needles	1935: Omaha	1914: Old Rosebud	1893: Lookout
2018: Justify	1997: Silver Charm	1976: Bold Forbes	1955: Swaps	1934: Cavalcade	1913: Donerail	1892: Azra
2017: Always Dreaming	1996: Grindstone	1975: Foolish Pleasure	1954: Determine	1933: Brokers Tip	1912: Worth	1891: Kingman
2016: Nyquist	1995: Thunder Gulch	1974: Cannonade	1953: Dark Star	1932: Burgoo King	1911: Meridian	1890: Riley
2015: American Pharaoh	1994: Go For Gin	1973: Secretariat	1952: Hill Gail	1931: Twenty Grand	1910: Donau	1889: Spokane
2014: California Chrome	1993: Sea Hero	1972: Riva Ridge	1951: Count Turf	1930: Gallant Fox	1909: Wintergreen	1888: Macbeth II
2013: Orb	1992: Lil E. Tee	1971: Canonero II	1950: Middleground	1929: Clyde Van Dusen	1908: Stone Strett	1887: Montrose
2012: I'll Have Another	1991: Strike the Gold	1970: Dust Commander	1949: Ponder	1928: Reigh Count	1907: Pink Star	1886: Ben Ali
2011: Animal Kingdom	1990: Unbridled	1969: Majestic Prince	1948: Citation	1927: Whiskery	1906: Sir Huon	1885: Joe Cotton
2010: Super Saver	1989: Sunday Silence	1968: Forward Pass	1947: Jet Pilot	1926: Bubbling Over	1905: Agile	1884: Buchanan
2009: Mine That Bird	1988: Winning Colors	1967: Proud Clarion	1946: Assault	1925: Flying Ebony	1904: Elwood	1883: Leonatus
2008: Big Brown	1987: Alysheba	1966: Kauai King	1945: Hoop Jr.	1924: Black Gold	1903: Judge Himes	1882: Apollo
2007: Street Sense	1986: Ferdinand	1965: Lucky Debonair	1944: Pensive	1923: Zev	1902: Alan-a-Dale	1881: Hindoo
2006: Barbaro	1985: Spend a Buck	1964: Northern Dancer	1943: Count Fleet	1922: Morvich	1901: His Eminence	1880: Fonso
2005: Giacomo	1984: Swale	1963: Chateaugay	1942: Shut Out	1921: Behave Yourself	1900: Lieut. Gibson	1879: Lord Murphy
2004: Smarty Jones	1983: Sunny's Halo	1962: Decidedly	1941: Whirlaway	1920: Paul Jones	1899: Manuel	1878: Day Star
2003: Funny Cide	1982: Gato Del Sol	1961: Carry Back	1940: Gallahadion	1919: Sir Barton	1898: Plaudit	1877: Baden-Baden
2002: War Emblem	1981: Pleasant Colony	1960: Venetian Way	1939: Johnstown	1918: Exterminator	1897: Typhoon II	1876: Vagrant
2001: Monarchos	1980: Genuine Risk	1959: Tomy Lee	1938: Lawrin	1917: Omar Khayyam	1896: Ben Brush	1875: Aristides

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## BE A WOK STAR IN THE KITCHEN

Chef J. Kenji Lopez-Alt highlights versatile pan in his new cookbook

By Mark Kennedy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chef and food writer J. Kenji Lopez-Alt suspects there's something in your kitchen that you're not using near enough: the wok.

The Asian deep-bottomed pot is his versatile go-to cooking tool for everything from Korean-style pancakes to bacon and egg fried rice.

"Obviously, people know them for stir-fries," he said.

"But they're

also great for simmering, great for braising, great for steaming. I think they're the best tool for both steaming and deep frying. You can make rice. There's just a huge, huge amount of stuff you can do in this one pan."

After spending much of the pandemic tinkering, Lopez-Alt is offering his wisdom in "The Wok: Recipes and Techniques" from WW. Norton & Company. The book features handy tips, fascinating asides and some 200 dishes.

"I think there's only one recipe that calls for even turning on the oven. Everything else is just 100% done in one pan on your stovetop," he said.

"The Wok" gives advice on the best oils to use, how to boil eggs, and how to approach stews and curries. It knocks down some myths, like the one that says only day-old rice makes good fried rice. There's even a section on making soups in a wok, including egg drop, wonton, and hot and sour.

Lopez-Alt advises home chefs to get what he has — a 14-inch, flat-bottomed, carbon-steel wok — and says if you pay more than \$50, you're probably being overcharged. He bought his at Target in the early 2000s.



Japanese-style mapo tofu from the cookbook "The Wok: Recipes and Techniques" is a go-to dish for chef J. Kenji Lopez-Alt. **W.W. NORTON & COMPANY**

That wok has adapted to each stage in his life. He bought it as a college student living with roommates, kept using it after moving in with his soon-to-be wife, and continues to cook with it now as a father. He says he pulls out the wok three or four times a week.

Lopez-Alt is also the author of "The Food Lab: Better Home-cooking Through Science," a textbook-like cookbook with roots in scientific reason. The new book has similar rigorous testing, with fantastic detours into when to rinse rice, whether to use MSG, how to shop for shrimp and how different types of noodles behave.

"I find learning things is a lot easier when I learn the underlying principles behind them. And so I learned why I'm doing something as well as how," he said.

Lopez-Alt compares following recipes in a cookbook to asking directions on your phone from Siri — you get from point A to point B, but learn nothing about the neighborhoods or how they connect.

"I think knowing techniques and science is what sort of gives me the confidence to stray from recipes, and know that I'm still not going



"There's just a huge, huge amount of stuff you can do in this one pan," Lopez-Alt says. **KEN LAMBERT/SEATTLE TIMES**

to get lost and (will) end up with something edible and hopefully delicious," he said.

His new book has the blessing of Grace Young, a fierce advocate of the wok, who has written the award-winning books "The Breath of a Wok" and "Stir-Frying to the Sky's Edge."

"I'm really grateful to Kenji for writing this book because he can appeal to a much broader and younger audience than I can reach," he said.

### MY MOM'S JAPANESE-STYLE MAPO TOFU

This version of mapo tofu is similar to what J. Kenji Lopez-Alt ate growing up, though instead of plain ground beef his mom would use the dish as an opportunity to use up leftover dumpling filling. Unlike the numbing-hot Sichuan version, this one is savory and sweet, with the classic Japanese flavors of soy, sake and mirin, and comes together even faster.

**Makes:** 4 servings  
**Total time:** 15 minutes  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
1 tablespoon cold water  
2 tablespoons peanut, rice bran or other neutral oil  
4 ounces ground beef  
2 teaspoons minced garlic (about 2 medium cloves)  
2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger (about 1/2-inch segment)  
2 scallions, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces, dark greens reserved for garnish  
2 tablespoons sake  
2 tablespoons mirin  
1 tablespoon shoyu or light soy sauce  
1/4 cup low-sodium chicken stock, dashi or water  
1 1/2 pounds medium to firm silken tofu, cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
Steamed rice and chili oil, for serving

**1. Combine** the cornstarch and cold water in a small bowl, and mix with a fork until homogeneous. Set aside.

**2. Heat** the oil in a wok over high heat until smoking. Add the beef and cook, stirring constantly for 1 minute. Add the garlic, ginger and scallion whites and pale greens and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 15 seconds. Add the sake, mirin, soy sauce and chicken stock and bring to a boil. Pour in the cornstarch mixture and cook for 30 seconds, until thickened. Add the tofu and carefully fold it in, being careful not to break it up too much. Transfer immediately to a serving bowl and sprinkle with the scallion greens. Serve immediately with rice and chili oil.

"I was like 200 pages in and I wasn't done with stir-fries. So it felt like, 'Hey, this is something I'm passionate about and I've found useful in my life, so maybe I should write a whole book and then other people will also find it useful,'" he said.

— From "The Wok: Recipes and Techniques" by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt



This roasted chicken cooks on top of potato wedges, so its drippings infuse them with flavor. DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

# Fill your table with the season's best

3 thrilling dishes that celebrate spring

By David Tanis  
The New York Times

**M**y recent trip to the farmers' market confirmed my suspicions: Spring has well and truly arrived, at least in my neck of the woods (Southern California). With pleasure, I spied a collection of seasonal harbingers: Asparagus! Green garlic! Rhubarb! It didn't take me long to envision a menu that would show them off.

Asparagus, for me, is always a thrill. The sight of the first few bunches brings a broad smile.

Those early spears are sweet enough to eat raw, so that is exactly how I chose to prepare them. A shaved asparagus salad was in order.

I sliced the spears lengthwise into thin ribbons — something, I recently discovered, that is quite easy to do with a long, sharp knife. (Formerly, I always used a mandoline, which makes nice ribbons but also courts danger. A knife is safer.)

The simplest version of this salad requires only extra-virgin olive oil and salt, with perhaps a squeeze of lemon. However, I decided to build a proper lemony vinaigrette with a few chopped anchovy fillets. Omit the anchovy in the dressing, if you wish, but it's there to bolster flavor — not to taste fishy.

For color and texture, as well as a bit of sharpness, I added thinly sliced radishes. Any type of radish will work but, for a really vibrant salad, look for the brilliant varieties of daikon radish available at many farmers' markets now.

These beauties come in a range of colors — crimson, scarlet, purple, even bright green.

Or look for "water-melon" radishes, round and the size of golf balls. When sliced, these radishes reveal a multicolored cross-section. An easy salad to put together, this is a festive dish. You could even finish it with shavings of Parmesan or ricotta salata.

Green garlic is another cause for celebration, with its distinct, fresh character that's pungent but not overpowering.



Thinly sliced radishes add color and texture to this shaved asparagus salad.

## RHUBARB CRUMBLE

**Total time:** 1½ hours  
**Makes:** 6 to 8 servings  
**For the filling:** About 2 pounds rhubarb stalks, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes (6½ cups); 1¼ cups granulated sugar; 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
**For the topping:** 1 cup all-purpose flour; ¼ cup granulated or brown sugar; ¼ teaspoon baking powder; Pinch of salt; Pinch of ground ginger; Pinch of cinnamon; ½ cup cold unsalted butter, cut into very small pieces or grated on the big holes of a box grater; ½ cup finely chopped or ground pistachios (optional)

**1. Prepare the filling:** Toss the rhubarb cubes with sugar and flour. Set aside and let macerate while you make the topping, about 20 minutes.

**2. Make the topping:** Put flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, ginger and cinnamon in a bowl, and stir together.



Bright red rhubarb makes a brilliant show in this crumble, though a combination of rhubarb and apple could also be nice.

Add butter and work into flour with fingers or a fork, as if making pie dough. The mixture will be loose and crumbly. Stir in the pistachios, if using.

**3. Heat** oven to 375 degrees. Transfer sugared rhubarb to a 9-inch baking dish, about 3 inches deep. Sprinkle topping loosely over fruit to a depth of about 1 inch.

**4. Place** dish on a baking sheet and bake for about 1 hour, until topping is golden and filling is visibly bubbling at the edges. Cool slightly before serving.

When it first comes to market, its stalks may resemble slim green onions. Some specimens will have already formed the beginnings of a bulb at the root end. But, once the outer layer is peeled, both green and white parts of the stalk can be used, either chopped or pounded in a mortar. (If you cannot find green garlic, a combination of scallion and garlic chives makes a reasonable substitute.)

To give the green garlic

a space to shine, I picked up a few pounds of yellow-fleshed Yukon Gold spuds from my favorite potato vendor.

Then, I bought a free-range chicken and hatched a plan. I stuffed the bird with a generous amount of green garlic and a large handful of rosemary, sage and thyme sprigs.

I roasted the chicken over wedges of potato so that all the fragrant garlicky chicken drippings infused the potatoes with incredi-

ble flavor.

Crisp and golden, they rival the best rotisserie-style potatoes, those glistening ones that sit beneath spit-roasted chickens at some butcher shops.

The chicken, of course, ends up nicely perfumed, too. (As a bonus, the carcass can be tossed into a saucepan, covered with water and simmered to make a small amount of garlicky broth for future use.)

As for the ruby red rhubarb that pops up this

time of year, I knew at once that it would become a glorious fruit crumble — a relative of other homey desserts like crisps and buckles.

Chopped into cubes and tossed with sugar and a bit of flour to help thicken the bright juices, the rhubarb gets a nubbly topping made from brown sugar, flour and butter, enhanced with a handful of optional chopped pistachio.

Baked until bubbly and browned, this irresistible

## SHAVED ASPARAGUS AND RADISH SALAD

**Total time:** 15 minutes  
**Makes:** 6 servings  
3 tablespoons fruity, flavorful extra-virgin olive oil  
Zest of 1 lemon  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
4 anchovy fillets, rinsed, blotted and roughly chopped  
Salt and pepper  
1 pound asparagus, medium-thick spears if possible  
1 cup thinly sliced daikon radish or other radish, preferably a mixture of colors (or more to taste)

**1. In a small bowl,** whisk together olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice and anchovy. Season the dressing with salt and pepper.

**2. Snap off** and discard the tough end of each asparagus spear. Using a sharp knife, slice asparagus lengthwise into ribbons. For skinny asparagus, just halve lengthwise.

**3. Place** sliced asparagus in a large salad bowl. Toss with salt and pepper, then add the dressing and toss to coat.

**4. For each serving,** place a handful of dressed asparagus on a plate. Surround with slices of colorful radish, and tuck a few more slices among the asparagus ribbons. Sprinkle radishes lightly with salt.

## ROAST CHICKEN WITH GREEN GARLIC, HERBS AND POTATOES

**Total time:** About 3 hours  
**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings  
1 (3- to 4-pound) roasting chicken  
Salt and pepper  
3 pounds medium yellow-fleshed potatoes, such as Yukon Gold (about 8 potatoes)

4 to 6 green garlic stalks, or use a combination of scallion and garlic chives  
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil  
Handful of thyme, rosemary and sage sprigs  
½ cup roughly chopped flat-leaf parsley

**1. Season** chicken inside and out with salt and pepper.

**2. Bring** a large pot of well-salted water to a boil. Peel the potatoes, cut them in half, then cut halves into 2 or 3 thick wedges. Boil potatoes for about 5 minutes, until barely done, then drain and cool.

**3. As potatoes cool,** peel outer layer of garlic stalks and cut off roots. Slice both tender white and green parts crosswise into thin rings, then sprinkle with salt and roughly chop to resemble "minced." (You should have about 1 cup of chopped alliums, whether you use green garlic or a combination of scallions and chives.) Transfer chopped garlic to a dish and cover with olive oil.

**4. Heat** oven to 375 degrees. Arrange potatoes on the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Set the seasoned chicken on top of the potatoes. Tip the chicken up and transfer the garlic-oil mixture into the bird's cavity, then place breast-side down, with potatoes surrounding.

**5. Take** a generous handful of herb sprigs (stem-on) and stuff into the cavity.

**6. Roast,** uncovered, for about 1 hour until chicken is nicely browned and thigh juices run clear when probed with a paring knife. Remove chicken, tipping the inside juices onto the potatoes, and keep warm on a plate.

**7. Raise** oven temperature to 425 degrees. Using a spatula, move the potatoes around the roasting pan, allowing juices to coat potatoes well. Return to oven to brown potatoes.

Baste potatoes every 5 minutes for 15 minutes, or until potatoes are golden. Sprinkle with parsley. Carve bird and serve.

**Note:** After carving, the carcass can be tossed into a saucepan, covered with water and simmered to make a small amount of garlicky broth for future use.

dessert can be served with cold heavy cream, whipped cream or ice cream.

I always hope for leftovers to enjoy for breakfast with a blob of yogurt. That way, I can continue the spring celebration well beyond a single meal.

# A Napa favorite goes back to the future

**By Eric Asimov**  
The New York Times

ST. HELENA, Calif. — Through almost 70 tumultuous years of California wine history, one thing seemed never to change: Stony Hill Vineyard, a pioneer of California chardonnay since its first vintage in 1952 and perhaps Napa Valley's first cult wine producer.

As fashions came and went, Stony Hill clung to its old-school methods and austere style of chardonnay, seemingly taking little notice of the extravagant, oaky and alcoholic styles that gained popularity in the 1990s or the accelerating Napa red wine culture growing around it.

Then, in short order the ground began to shake and the firmament shifted. The McCrea family, owners of Stony Hill since Fred and Eleanor McCrea bought the 168-acre Spring Mountain property in 1943, sold the winery and vineyard in 2018 to Long Meadow Ranch, another family-owned Napa winery. A year later, Mike Chelini, the winemaker and vineyard manager, retired after 45 vintages.

In December 2020, scarcely after Long Meadow began converting Stony Hill to organic viticulture, it turned around and sold Stony Hill to Gaylon Lawrence Jr., an agricultural magnate from Arkansas, who, with his chief executive, Carlton McCoy Jr., has put together a portfolio of historic Napa properties, including Heitz Cellar, Haynes Vineyard and Burgess Cellars.

McCoy then made an unconventional but inspired choice: He named as the winemaker Jaimee Motley, whose experience was in the vanguard of young California producers, not the typical Napa Valley pipeline.

Motley was known for

her small label, Jaimee Motley Wines, based in Sonoma, which made fresh, savory wines from grapes that she purchased, including a wonderful mondeuse, a grape originally from the Savoie region of France, and a terrific cedar-scented cabernet sauvignon from the Santa Cruz Mountains. What would be the result of this combination of youthful, forward-pointing energy and this historic Napa estate?

I had pondered this question for more than a year when finally, in late March, I was able to drive up the winding hillside road to Stony Hill for a visit with Motley and two other members of the new Stony Hill team, Michaela Louise Kelly, the estate director, and Renee Berkus, the cellar master.

It felt a bit surreal to enter Stony Hill's headquarters, the ranch-style residence that had housed members of the McCrea family for decades, with no McCreas present. I had never met Fred, who died in 1977, or Eleanor, who died in 1991. But I knew their son, Peter, and his wife, Willinda, and Fred and Eleanor's granddaughter Sarah McCrea. Their presence still seemed to suffuse the property.

Longtime fans of Stony Hill might be disquieted to learn that major changes are afoot. The cellar is being completely rebuilt, much of the vineyard is being replanted and a conversion is underway to biodynamic and regenerative viticulture, promoting soil health and a permanent cover crop rather than tilling or plowing. Even the wines will be changing, though not stylistically.

Stony Hill will continue to make chardonnay, along with small amounts of excellent riesling and gewürztraminer, as it has always done. But after the replanting, the vineyard



Jaimee Motley, the new winemaker at Stony Hill Vineyard. CAROLYN FONG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

will include 14 acres of cabernet sauvignon, and 8.5 acres of chardonnay, far less than the roughly 20 acres of chardonnay in 1990, much of which had been pulled for various reasons before the new ownership arrived.

The vineyard will also have 5 acres of cabernet franc and smaller amounts of riesling, malbec, merlot, syrah, gamay, gewürztraminer and petit verdot. Stony Hill, the longtime bastion of white wines, will soon be a red-dominant producer.

This should not be entirely shocking. Stony Hill has been making small amounts of cabernet sauvignon since 2009 in a restrained, classical style

that I love. Fred McCrea had always grown some red grapes for family consumption — pinot noir and zinfandel — in a small plot, called Fred's Reds.

"Transitioning to cabernet just makes sense with climate change," Motley said. Chardonnay and the other whites, which don't do as well as cabernet in the heat, will continue to grow in cooler sites at Stony Hill, which rises on a hillside from 600 feet to 1,600 feet, nestled among redwoods and firs.

Most important, of course, are the wines. The Stony Hill chardonnay was one of a kind, lean and subtle, yet full of energy and character. As California chardonnays were becoming

softer, oakier and more ponderous, Stony Hill's never changed. They could age and evolve for years.

The chardonnay was made idiosyncratically, without malolactic fermentation, a process in which tart malic acid is converted by bacteria into softer lactic acid. This was the old California style until winemakers in the 1970s began to adopt the methods of Burgundy, chardonnay's native land, where malolactic fermentation is encouraged.

Motley is hesitant to make major changes. She will continue to use big, older barrels, rather than the smaller barrels of new oak that became a signature of California chardonnay,

but she said the 2021 chardonnay had gone through malolactic fermentation.

"They wanted to go through malo," Motley, who has always made wine without overt intervention, said of the wines. "It would have taken a lot to block it — cold aging, lots of sulfur dioxide."

I tasted a rough blend of the 2021 — the final wine had not yet been set — and it was fresh and savory, energetic with herb and mineral flavors. As a long-time fan of the Stony Hill style, this was lovely.

"There's so much tradition and history, it would have been easy to do the same thing," said Kelly, the estate director. "I admire Jaimee for listening to the grapes and feeling where they wanted to go. It's not a new recipe."

With the vineyard replanting currently underway, Motley said 2021 did not yield enough riesling and gewürztraminer to make varietal wines. She is instead experimenting with what she calls a heritage blend, the two varieties mixed with a little chardonnay. The blend I tasted was pure, expressive, refreshing and dry, with pretty floral aromas.

The 2021 cabernet was also not finished, but the very young sample I tasted was fresh, savory and balanced, very much in keeping with a 2010 cabernet that we also tasted, dry with aromas and flavors of red fruits and herbs. The '21 is 100% cabernet sauvignon, but Motley plans to add other Bordeaux varieties as the vines mature.

McCoy told me he knew Motley was the right choice after he tasted her wines.

"Those wines contain so much purity and energy and life without sacrificing density and pedigree," he said. "I knew that the marriage of Jaimee and the terroir of Stony Hill could equal magic."

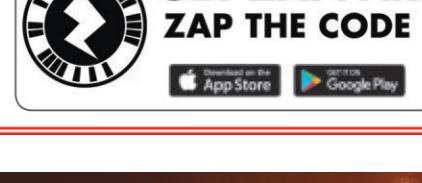
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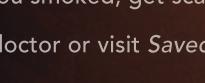
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# Brunch cocktails that go beyond the Bellini

By Rebekah Peppler

The New York Times

Brunch isn't truly brunch without a bevy of beverages: coffee, water, juice and, if you're drinking alcohol that day, a cocktail. Unlimited mimosas and heavily adorned Bloody Marys are longtime go-tos, but you certainly need not limit yourself to them.

Modern midday choices tend to trend away from high-alcohol options and toward drinks with lower alcohol by volume (or ABV) that pair nicely with the meal. "People want good-quality cocktails to go with good-quality food," said Stacey Swenson, the bar director for Mattos Hospitality in New York City.

Meant to be sipped alongside small bites, often bitter-leaning, lighter aperitifs are a fantastic foil to whatever short stack, Benedict or scramble is on the table.

"Bianco or dry vermouth with a soda or a tonic as your first cocktail of the day is very smart," Swenson said. "If you're a pancake or waffle kind of person, a Bellini with fresh fruit is a really good option." She also recommends a sparkling, citrus-laced French 75 or that most effervescent, most consummate of aperitivo beverages: the spritz.

Should a mimosa be nonnegotiable, Swenson recommends jazzing up the classic combination of orange juice and prosecco by adding orange bitters or orange liqueur. Or make another orange juice-based drink, the Garibaldi. Built on a frothy Italian mix of red bitter liqueur (usually Campari) and fresh juice, it's refreshing and sweet-bitter, and ideal for straddling the line between late-morning beverage and afternoon cocktail.

Alternatively, spike a batch of cafe de olla, a sweet, spiced Mexican



The Garibaldi, built on a frothy Italian mix of red bitter liqueur and fresh juice, is ideal for straddling the line between late-morning beverage and afternoon cocktail.

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Cafe de olla — a sweet, spiced Mexican coffee with cinnamon and other flavorings, such as cloves and orange peels — can be served as a nonalcoholic drink or with a splash of spirits.

coffee that is traditionally made in an olla, or clay pot. Infused with cinnamon and other flavorings, such as cloves and orange peels, the drink is richly sweetened

with piloncillo, an unrefined cane sugar with a deep, molasses flavor.

"It's like biting into cake; it's meant to be super sweet," said Marcela

Valladolid, a chef, author and founder of the food and lifestyle brand Casa Marcela. If you can't find piloncillo, Valladolid suggests mixing brown sugar with a small amount of molasses to approximate piloncillo's caramelized flavors. Serve cafe de olla as is, or turn it into a brunch-time cocktail with an ounce of reposado tequila or whiskey.

Should you prefer your coffee iced, Swenson says you can swap coconut water for regular water in an iced Americano (for a touch of nuttiness and natural sweetness), and add an ounce or two of rum or amaro.

Whichever drink you choose to balance on the already brunch-packed table, make it something worthy of the space and one you'll be inclined to sip between bites before, and even after, the sun goes down.

## THE GARIBALDI

*Named for the Italian revolutionary Giuseppe Garibaldi, who played a leading role in the unification of Italy, the classic recipe for this two-ingredient drink combines Campari, from Northern Italy, and fresh orange juice, a nod to Sicily in the south. This modern version features orange bitters and a pinch of salt, as well as an ounce of grapefruit juice. (If you want to skip grapefruit, you can also use 5 full ounces of orange juice.) The key to the best Garibaldi is very fresh, very frothy citrus juice. For that, you'll want freshly squeezed citrus and a firm, long, dry (without ice) shake, or, if you prefer, you can pulse the juice in a blender for a*

few seconds to aerate before adding to the glass.

**Makes:** 1 drink

Ice  
1½ ounces red bitter liqueur, such as Campari, Cappelletti or Contratto Bitter  
3 to 4 dashes orange bitters  
4 ounces fresh orange juice  
1 ounce fresh grapefruit juice  
Pinch of flaky sea salt  
Orange or grapefruit wedge or wheel, for serving

**1. Fill a Collins** or highball glass with ice, add the red bitter liqueur and the bitters. **2. In a shaker**, without ice, add the orange and grapefruit juices, and the salt. Cover and shake vigorously for 15 to 20 seconds. Strain the cocktail into the glass and garnish with the orange or grapefruit wedge.

## CAFE DE OLLA

*Made in batches and served hot, sweet and scented with cinnamon and other spices, Cafe de Olla is traditionally brewed in an olla de barro, a tall clay pot. When making Cafe de Olla, choose quality, dark roast coffee and, if possible, grind it fresh.*

*Second, seek out piloncillo — unprocessed, unrefined cane sugar named after the shape of the mold that is traditionally used to make it — for a richer, deeper, more caramelized flavor. If you don't have access to piloncillo, use dark brown sugar and add a half to a full teaspoon of molasses. Lastly, take care to never allow the liquid to come to a boil, which can burn the coffee and make the final drink acidic. Serve as is, or set a bottle of tequila, rum, whiskey, cognac or amaro on the table and let drinkers add their chosen spirit to taste. Store extra in a covered container in the refrigerator and reheat or serve iced.*

**Total time:** 20 minutes

**Makes:** 6 cups  
4 ounces piloncillo (or use a scant ½ cup dark brown sugar plus ½ teaspoon

molasses)  
2 small cinnamon sticks, preferably Mexican cinnamon  
2 whole cloves  
1 star anise (optional)  
½ cup freshly ground (medium-grind) dark roast coffee  
2 (3-inch-long) orange peels (optional)

Spirit of your choice (rum, bourbon or rye whiskeys, cognac or amaro), optional  
**1. In a small olla de barro** or medium pot, add piloncillo, 6 cups water, cinnamon sticks, cloves and star anise, if using. Set over medium heat and bring to a very low simmer, stirring frequently, until piloncillo is completely dissolved. Don't let liquid come to a boil. Continue to cook over medium-low for 5 more minutes. Remove pot from heat and stir in coffee grounds and orange peels, if using. Cover and let sit for 6 to 8 minutes. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer or coffee filter into a large, heatproof carafe or pot.

**2. Add** 1 to 1½ ounces of the spirit of your choice, if using, to a 6-ounce heatproof mug or glass, and top with 4 to 5 ounces Cafe de Olla; serve hot.



Make Mom a meal that doesn't involve any cleanup. MEGHAN SPLAWN/THEKITCHN.COM

# Snack board is the ideal meal for Mother's Day

By Meghan Splawn

TheKitchn.com

We usually celebrate Mother's Day by going out. While I can ask my husband and kids to cook for me or order takeout, what I actually want out of a Mother's Day meal is neither of those things. I want a meal that I don't have to think about or clean up after — which means I want a snack board.

Snack boards are a regular part of our family meal rotation. They use up leftovers and pantry staples, and they entice our small children to eat more vegetables. This easy tip makes serving — and cleaning up — a Mother's Day snack board easier, no matter its shape or size.

Before you set up a snack board, line your tray, cutting board or surface with parchment paper. This super-simple step can save you from scrubbing soft cheese off your favorite cutting board and lets you use decorative trays without harm.

While plastic wrap and waxed paper can also cover your snack board surface, parchment is my preference because it can also be used to wrap leftover cheeses or baked goods after cleanup.

If you've got a round snack cutting board, use a cake-lining technique for cutting a large round cover: Tear off a piece of parchment paper just slightly larger than your serving tray, then fold it into an imperfect square and finally into a triangle. Set the tip of that triangle in the center of

your dish, then trim off the excess parchment hanging over the edge.

Unfold the paper and you've got a round piece of parchment that will fit perfectly on your round serving board or tray.

## 3 essential elements

Let's set the record straight: A snack board doesn't have to be a cheese board. In fact, many of my favorite board meals are actually built with leftovers or pantry staples. If you really want to impress Mom with a snack board meal this year, consider adding the following three things:

**A warm snack:** You don't have to cook a recipe. Just toasting some nuts or warming some olives adds contrast and makes a snack board feel special.

**A cool dip:** Drizzle olive oil over yogurt or dress up sour cream with dried herbs, so that your bread and vegetables (or even leftover roasted chicken) have something saucy to make them feel fresh.

**Something sweet:** I'm a big fan of dark chocolate-covered almonds, but I'd be happy with store-bought cookies, too.

So, all you need is a grocery delivery and a little pantry scrounging to make a Mother's Day meal that doesn't require cleaning the entire kitchen afterward.

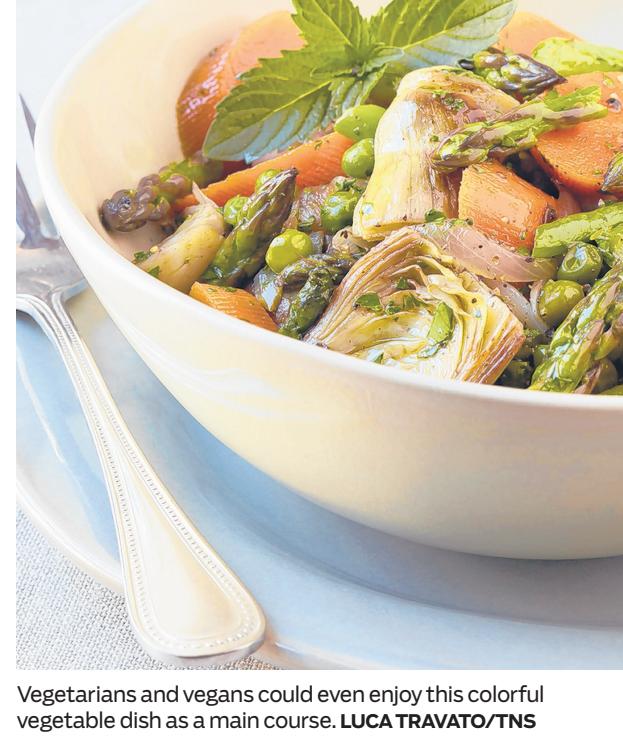
## SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

# A cornucopia of stir-fried veggies for the spring season

By Diane Rosson Worthington  
Tribune Content Agency

Marie Simmons is a cookbook author that always delivers great results. She has been creating and testing recipes for many years and knows the secrets of what makes a delicious recipe. She shared this recipe with me years ago, and I depend upon it when I want an elegant, colorful vegetable stir-fry to accompany other dishes.

I recently served this colorful vegetable mélange alongside lemon-herb grilled chicken with a crowd-pleasing result. Vegetarians and vegans will enjoy this dish as a main course. If you want to make this a vegetarian meal, try serving this with simple boiled or oven-baked baby potatoes seasoned with olive oil and fresh herbs like dill or tarragon. It is also good with cooked lentils and red peppers. I love grilling polenta squares, arranging on serving plates and spooning over the vegetables. And it's a lovely topping for couscous, soft



Vegetarians and vegans could even enjoy this colorful vegetable dish as a main course. LUCA TRAVATO/TNS

polenta or farro.

Simmons' toothsome mix of spring artichokes, asparagus and sweet carrots is a happy pairing. Choose to save time and use good-quality frozen artichokes and frozen

petite peas. If you can get baby artichokes, use them. Cook them as directed in the first step, browning them on both sides. Then turn and cook, covered, over low heat until tender, about 5 minutes.

piece of artichoke, add the artichokes, cut sides down, and cook over medium heat until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Turn, sprinkle with salt and a generous grinding of black pepper and brown the other sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer the browned artichokes to a bowl.

**2. Add** the remaining 2 tablespoons oil, the shallots and garlic to the pan and cook, stirring, over low heat until sizzling. Add the carrots, green beans and ¼ cup water. Sprinkle with ½ teaspoon salt and a grinding of black pepper and cook, covered, until the vegetables are crisp-tender, about 5 minutes.

**3. Add** the asparagus and peas and cook, stirring, uncovered, until the asparagus is crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Add the artichokes, dill and lemon zest and cook, stirring, over medium-low heat until the artichokes are heated through, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

## STIR-FRIED SPRING VEGETABLES

**Makes:** 4 servings  
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided  
1 bag (12 ounces) frozen artichoke hearts, partially thawed, blotted dry  
Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper  
½ cup ¼-inch wedges shallots  
1 garlic clove, sliced paper thin  
1 cup thin diagonal slices slender carrots (from 1-2 carrots)  
1 cup 1-inch lengths slender green beans (about 4 ounces)  
½ cup water  
12 ounces slender asparagus, peeled if large, cut diagonally into 1-inch lengths (about 3 cups)  
1 cup frozen petite green peas  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or mint  
Zest of a lemon  
**1. Heat** 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large skillet. When it is hot enough to sizzle a